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UTERINE PATHOLOGY II: ENDOMETRIAL CANCER REPORTING BEYOND 2020 WHO CLASSIFICATION

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Learning Objectives: Endometrial Cancer Reporting beyond 2020 WHO Classification

- ▶ Standardize histopathology reporting for endometrial cancers.
- ▶ Aware of some tumors that are obviously high-grade but have an indolent behavior, and others that have a deceptively low-grade histology but are aggressive.
- ▶ Recognize the benefits of adopting a molecular classification for endometrial cancers.
- ▶ Acknowledge that there is life beyond the four TCGA molecular subgroups.

ENDOMETRIAL CANCERS

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PUBLISHED DATASETS

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SCOPE

The dataset has been developed for the pathology reporting of resection specimens of endometrial cancers, including carcinosarcomas. It is not applicable for small endometrial biopsy specimens. Haematopoietic neoplasms, mesenchymal neoplasms, adenosarcomas, malignant melanomas, other non-epithelial malignancies and metastatic tumours are excluded from this dataset. Adenosarcoma and other mesenchymal neoplasms are included in the ICCR dataset for uterine malignant and potentially malignant mesenchymal tumours.

 [ICCR Endometrial Cancer Bookmarked guide](#) - 790 KB

 [ICCR Endometrial Cancer Hyperlinked guide](#) - 172 KB

Matias-Guiu X, Anderson L, Buza N, Ellenson LH, Fadare O, Ganesan R, Ip PPC, Palacios J, Parra-Herran C, Raspollini MR, Soslow RA, Werner HMJ, Lax SF, McCluggage WG (2021). *Endometrial Cancer Histopathology Reporting Guide*. International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting; Sydney, Australia. ISBN: 978-1-922324-26-9.

<http://www.iccr-cancer.org/datasets/published-datasets/female-reproductive/endometrial>



Core elements (in BOLD) are those that are essential in a pathology report and must be stated.

HISTOLOGICAL TUMOUR TYPE (select all that apply) (Note 8)

(Value list based on the World Health Organization Classification of Female Genital Tumours (2020))

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- Neuroendocrine carcinomas

Specify subtype

- Carcinosarcoma NOS

% AND %
 Epithelial Sarcomatous

- Homologous
- Heterologous

- Other, specify

HISTOLOGICAL TUMOUR GRADE (Note 9)

- Not applicable
- Cannot be assessed
- Grade 1 (low)
- Grade 2 (low)
- Grade 3 (high)

MYOMETRIAL INVASION (Note 10)

- Not identified
- <50%
- ≥50%

Pattern of myometrial invasion, specify

Absolute percentage of myometrial wall thickness invaded by carcinoma %

Distance of myoinvasive tumour to serosa mm

LYMPHOVASCULAR INVASION (Note 11)

- Indeterminate
- Not identified
- Present

Extent of lymphovascular invasion

- Focal
- Extensive/Substantial

CERVICAL STROMA (Note 14)

- Indeterminate
- Not involved
- Involved

Depth of cervical stromal invasion (Note 15) mm

Percentage of cervical stromal invasion %

PARAMETRIA* (Note 16)

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VAGINA* (Note 17)

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OMENTUM* (Note 18)

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Endometrial mucinous carcinoma is assimilated into endometrioid carcinoma because of similar molecular features and natural history.

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ISGyP, WHO recommends **binary** grading for improved reproducibility and easier clinical decision making.

Grade 2 remains relevant for patients desiring fertility-sparing treatment.



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'Extensive' = **≥3** vessels containing tumour (ISGyP recommendations)

≥5 vessels in the 2020 WHO Classification and ESGO-ESTRO-ESP guidelines.

'Substantial' or **'extensive'** LVI is associated with adverse outcomes vs. **'focal'** or **'no'** LVI.

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Ancillary studies for Molecular subtyping

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Molecular findings, *specify test(s) and result(s)*

TCGA-based molecular classification, *specify*

Other, *specify test(s) and result(s)*

Representative blocks for ancillary studies, specify those blocks best representing tumour and/or normal tissue for further study

Testing for MMR status/microsatellite instability (MSI) in endometrial carcinoma patients has been shown to be important for four key reasons:

1. Diagnostic, since MMRd/MSI is helpful to diagnose endometrioid carcinomas (as opposed to serous carcinoma or human papillomavirus (HPV)-associated cervical carcinoma);
2. It is part of the screening algorithm to identify potential patients with Lynch syndrome;²²⁸
3. Prognostic, as part of the TCGA surrogate molecular classification;²²⁹ and
4. Therapeutically as a predictive biomarker for potential utility of immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy.²³⁰



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Table 1: World Health Organization classification of tumours of the uterine corpus.³

| Descriptor | ICD-O codes ^a |
|--|--------------------------|
| Endometrial epithelial tumours and precursors | |
| Endometrial hyperplasia without atypia | |
| Atypical hyperplasia of the endometrium | 8380/2 |
| Endometrioid adenocarcinoma NOS | 8380/3 |
| <i>POLE</i> -ultramutated endometrioid carcinoma | |
| Mismatch repair-deficient endometrioid carcinoma | |
| P53-mutant endometrioid carcinoma | |
| No specific molecular profile (NSMP) endometrioid carcinoma | |
| Serous carcinoma NOS | 8441/3 |
| Clear cell adenocarcinoma NOS | 8310/3 |
| Carcinoma, undifferentiated, NOS | 8020/3 |
| Mixed cell adenocarcinoma | 8323/3 |
| Mesonephric adenocarcinoma | 9110/3 |
| Squamous cell carcinoma NOS | 8070/3 |
| Mucinous carcinoma, gastric (gastrointestinal)-type ^b | 8144/3 |
| Mesonephric-like adenocarcinoma | 9113/3 ^c |
| Carcinosarcoma NOS | 8980/3 |
| Neuroendocrine tumour NOS | 8240/3 |



Treatment of Endometrial cancers

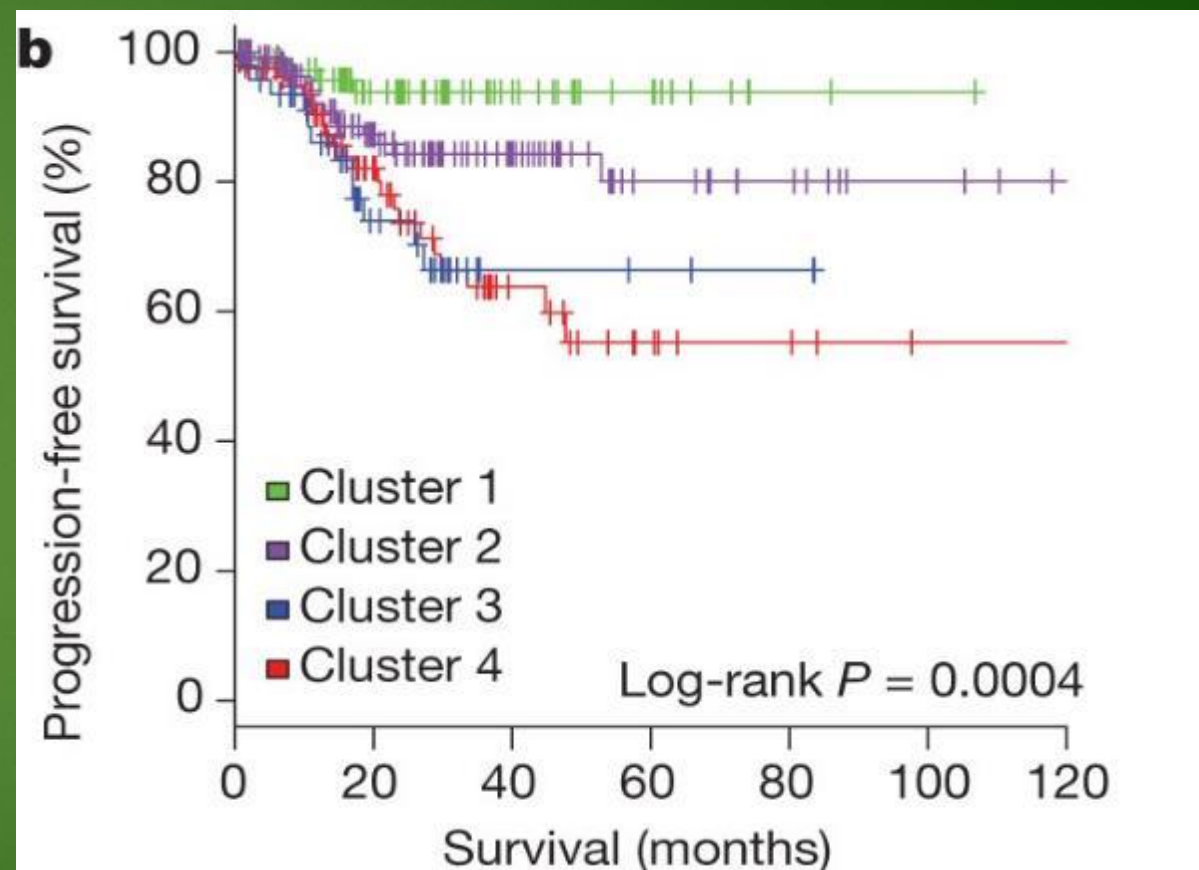
- ▶ Based on risk stratification (low, intermediate, and high) by using clinicopathological parameters (age, FIGO stage, **histologic type, grade**, lymphovascular space invasion, depth of invasion).
- ▶ Histotyping and grading, especially for higher grade carcinomas, suffer from poor interobserver reproducibility even among experienced gynecologic pathologists.

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The Cancer Genome Atlas Project (TCGA): Molecular classification

1. *POLE* mutated endometrial carcinoma (ultramutated)
2. Mismatch Repair Deficient (MMR-d) endometrial carcinoma (hypermutated)
3. No Specific Molecular Profile endometrial carcinoma (NSMP, copy-number low)
4. p53abn endometrial carcinoma (serous-like, copy-number high)





Molecular classification of grade 3 endometrioid endometrial cancers identifies distinct prognostic subgroups

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N=381

POLE-mut 49 (12.9%)

MMRd 138 (36.2%)

NSMP 115 (30.2%)

TP53-mut 79 (20.7%)

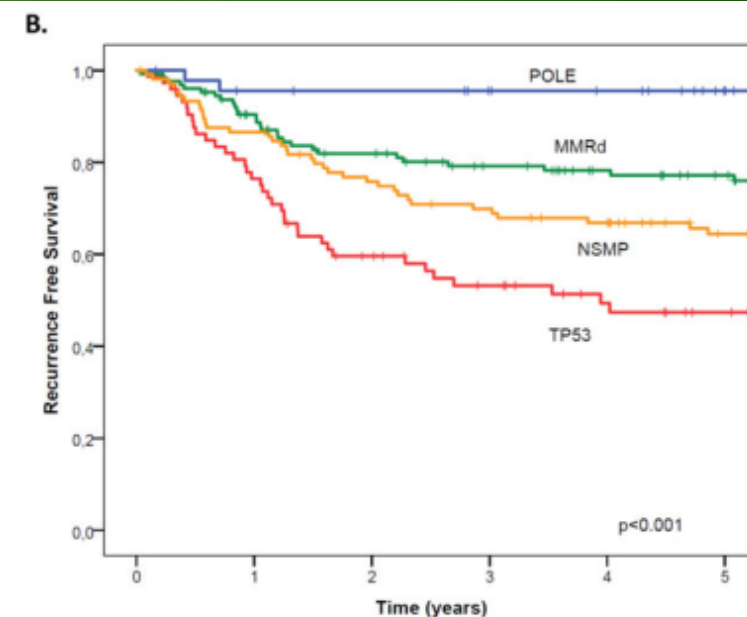
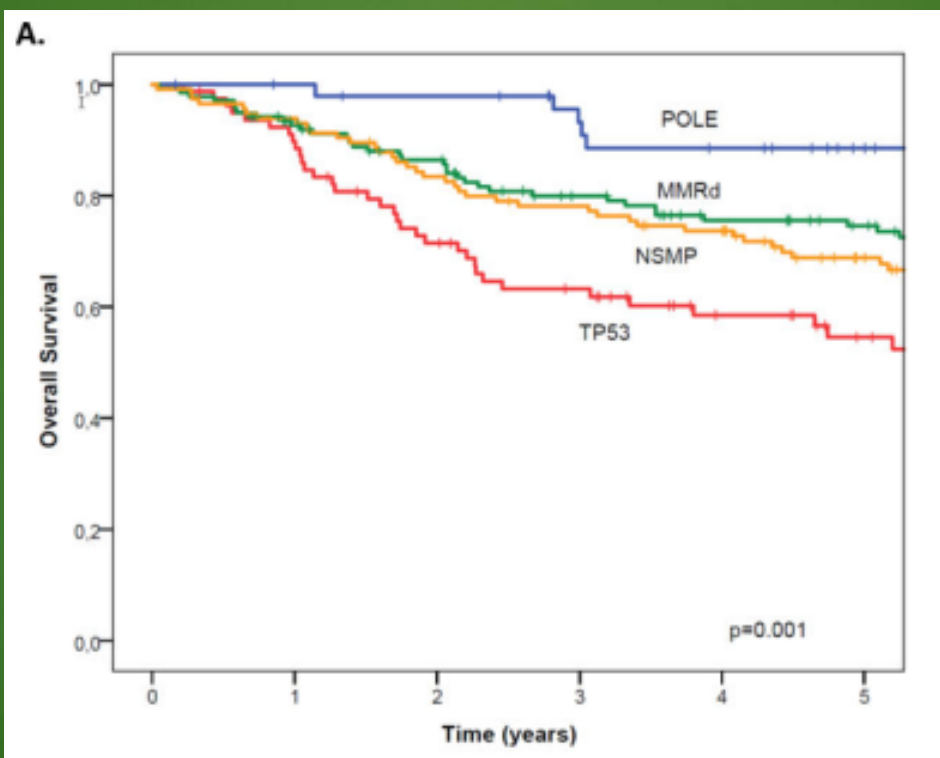


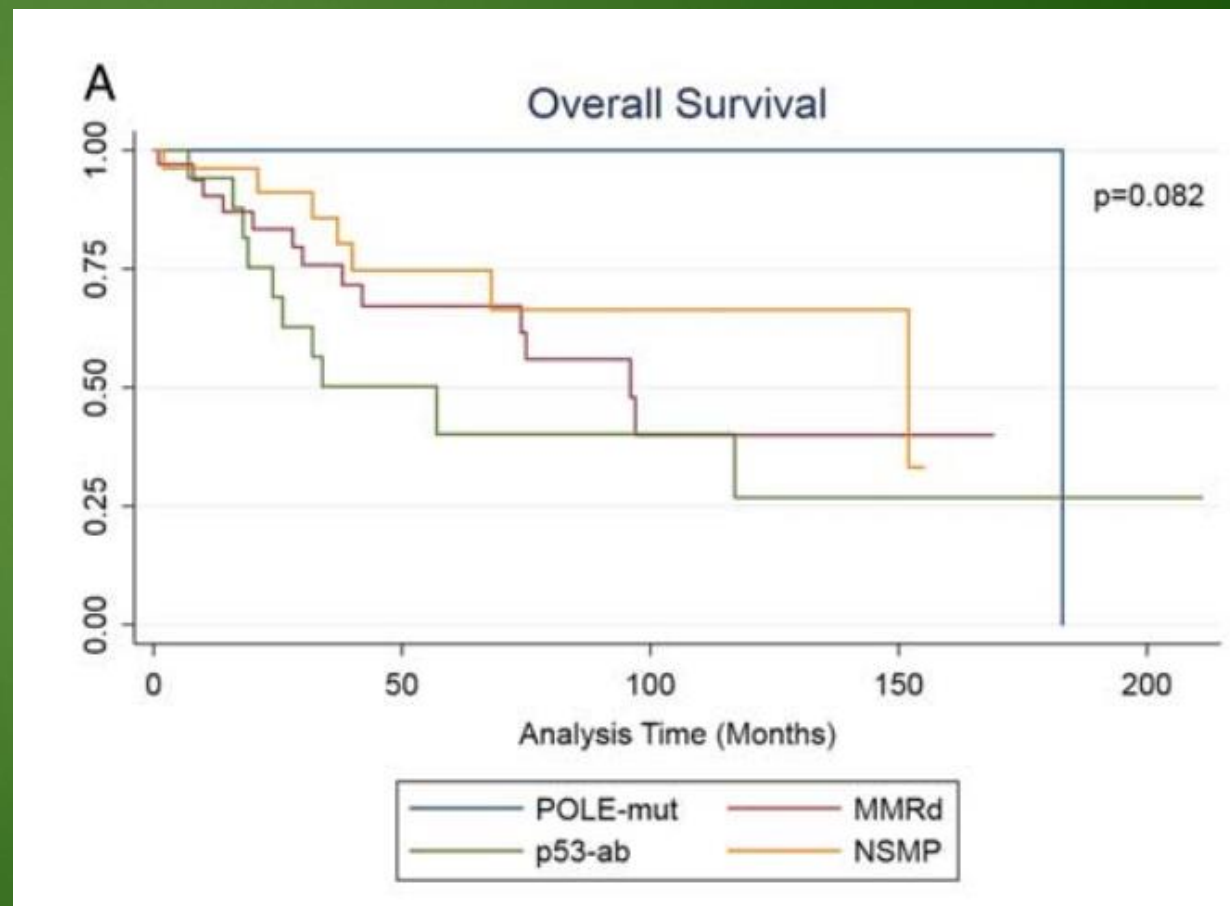
Figure 3. Molecular subgroup is associated with overall (A) and recurrence-free survival (B) in FIGO grade 3 endometrioid carcinoma.



Molecularly Classified Uterine FIGO Grade 3 Endometrioid Carcinomas Show Distinctive Clinical Outcomes But Overlapping Morphologic Features

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- ▶ N=95
- ▶ POLE-mut 10 (11%)
- ▶ MMRd 35 (37%)
- ▶ NSMP 26 (27%)
- ▶ TP53-mut 18 (19%)
- ▶ Multiple classifier 6 (6%)





Molecular Classification of Endometrial Cancers

- ▶ Multiple independent retrospective and prospective studies have since demonstrated the reproducibility and prognostic significance of the four TCGA subgroups.
- ▶ WHO 2020 classification proposed the use of molecular classification into the diagnosis of endometrial cancers.

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Molecular Classification of Endometrial Cancers

- ▶ Updated ICCR dataset for standardization of histopathology reporting.
- ▶ National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), and the joint European Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ESGO), European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO), and European Society of Pathology (ESP) guidelines recommend **integration of molecular classification with clinicopathologic features**.
- ▶ Prospective trials using this integrative approach are underway for optimal cancer treatment management.

<https://www.iccr-cancer.org/datasets/published-datasets/female-reproductive/endometrial/>

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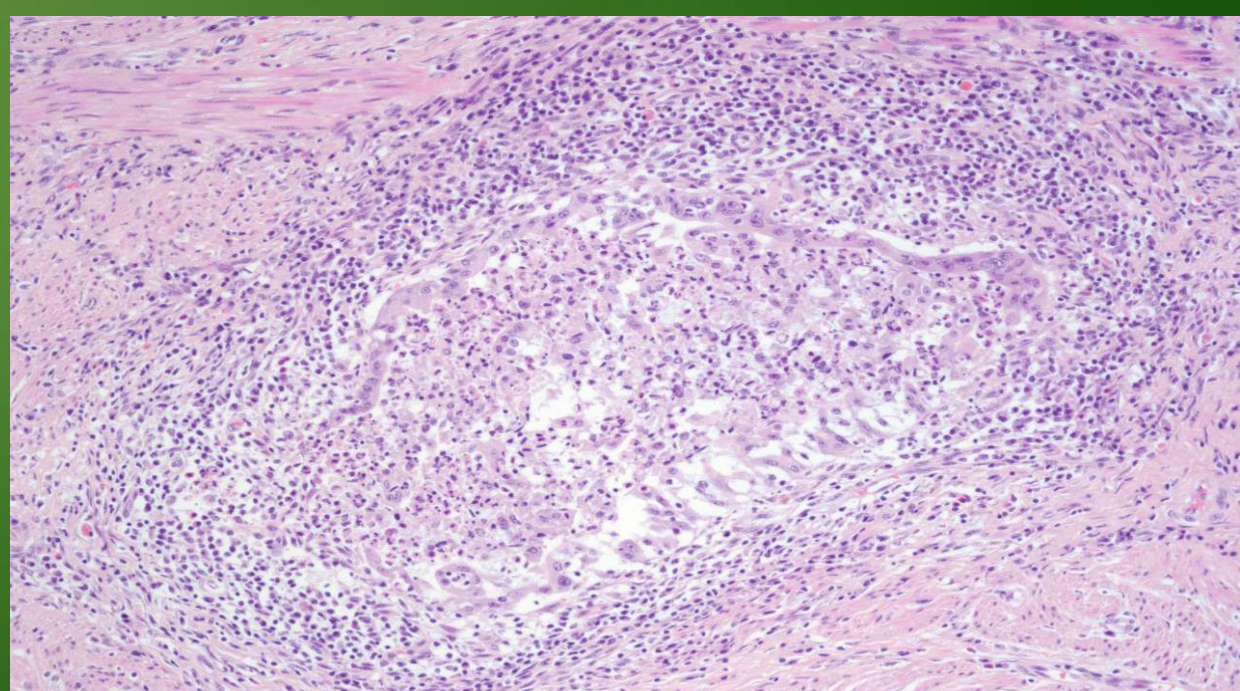
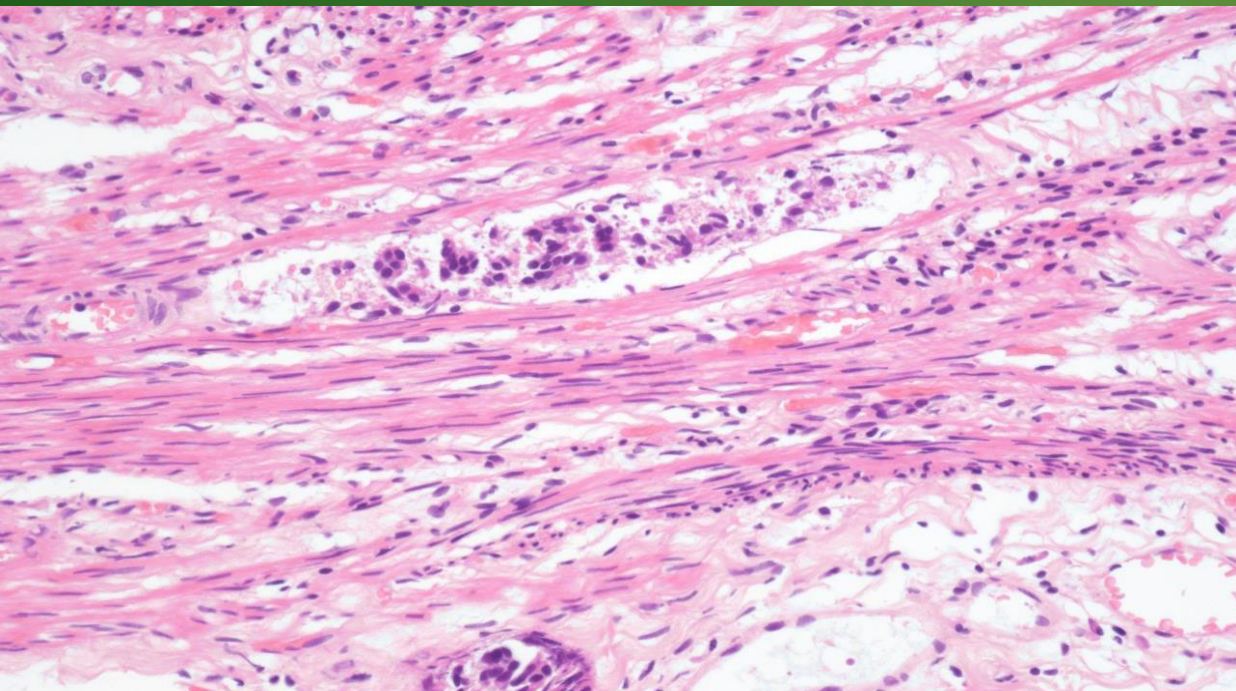
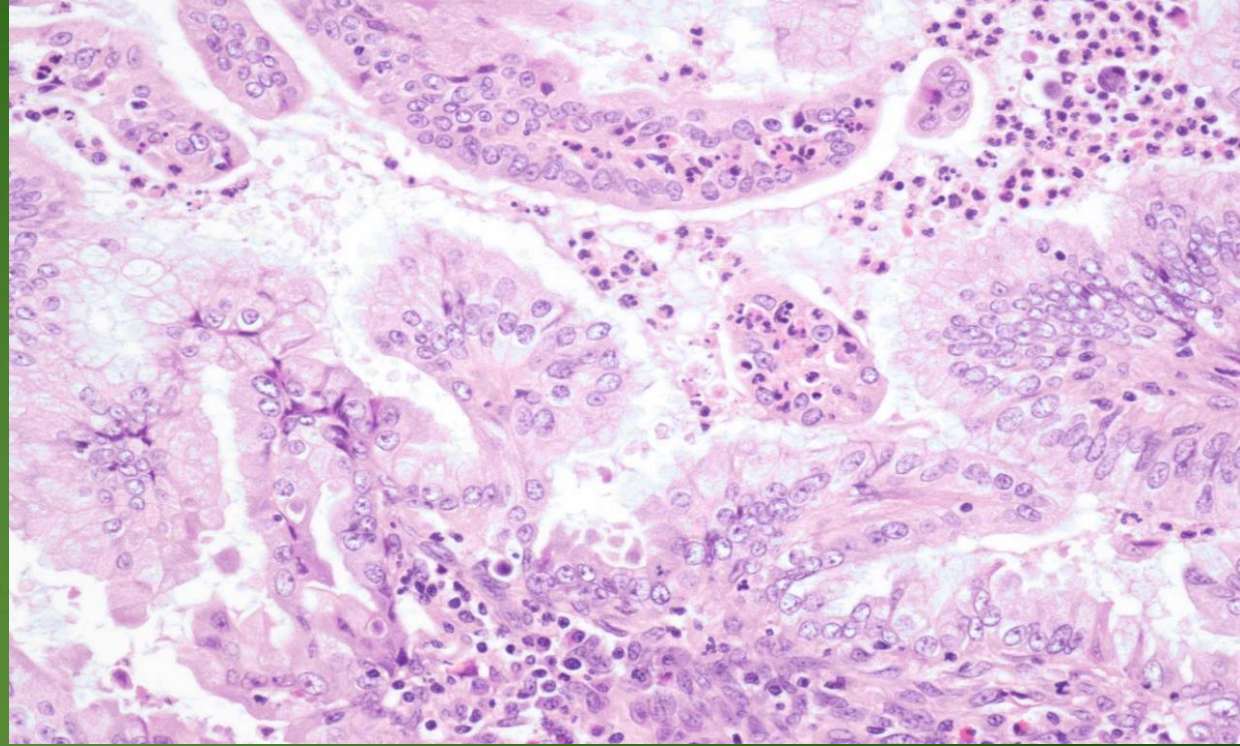
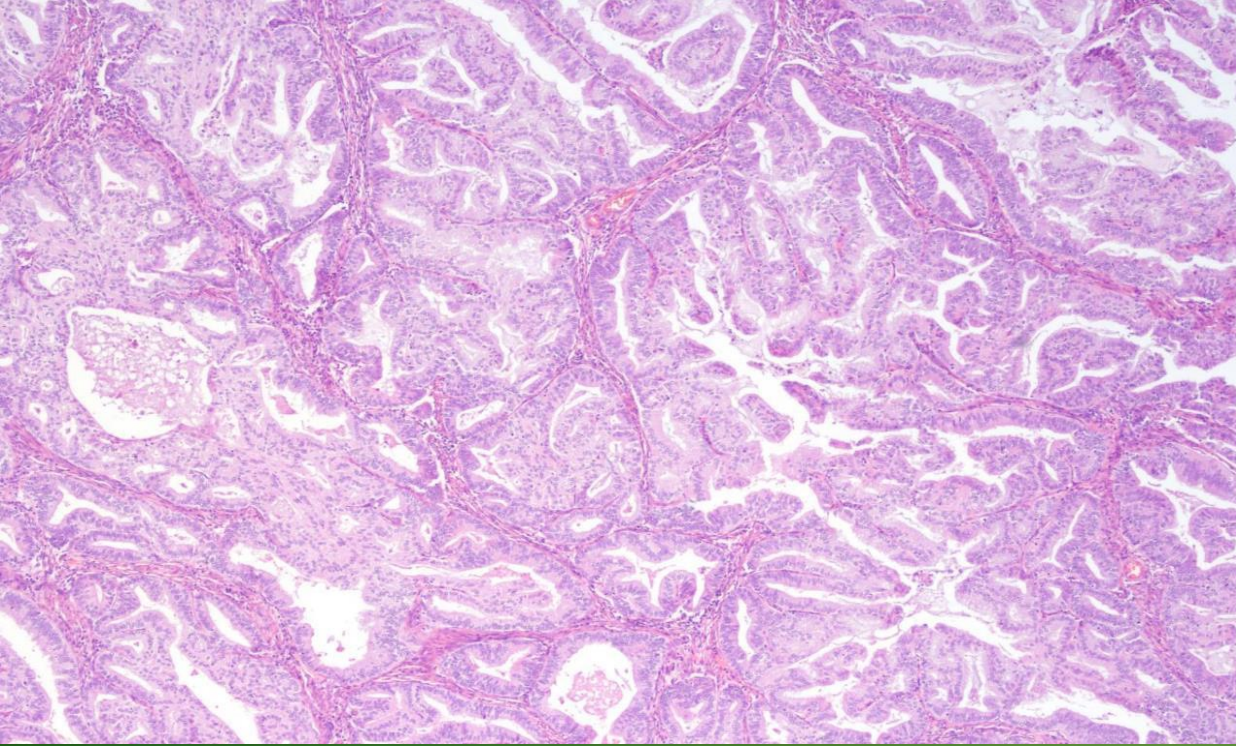
Integration of Molecular classification in Routine Diagnosis

- ▶ Our current **action plans** should focus on optimize and implement the use of recommended surrogate markers in our routine signouts:
 1. MMR immunohistochemistry (MLH1 promoter methylation, MSI)
 2. p53 immunohistochemistry
 3. *POLE* exonuclease domain hotspot mutations



Adopting Molecular classification in Routine Diagnosis

| Rationale | Examples |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Tumor typing | High grade carcinoma diagnosis. <i>TP53</i> -mutated low-grade endometrioid Ca into serous-like group. MMRd indicates endometrioid histology, endometrial > cervical. Subclonal IHC indicates tumor from a different subgroup. |
| Optimal management | De-escalation or withholding adjuvant treatment in stage I/II POLE mutants (improve quality of life). Immunotherapy for advanced stage or recurrent for MMRd cancers. |
| Hereditary Cancer Screening | Lynch syndrome (important for patient and her family). |
| Prognosis prediction | Life expectancy and make treatment decisions. |



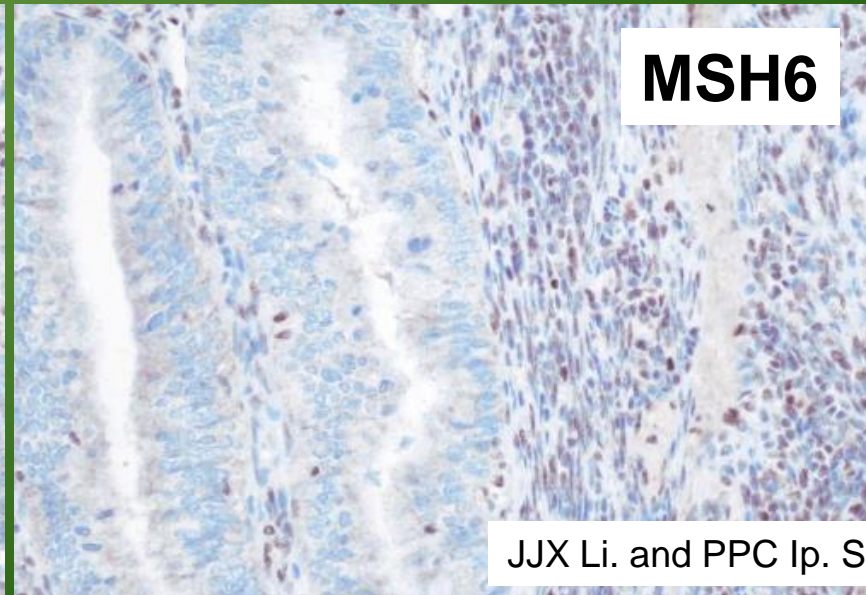
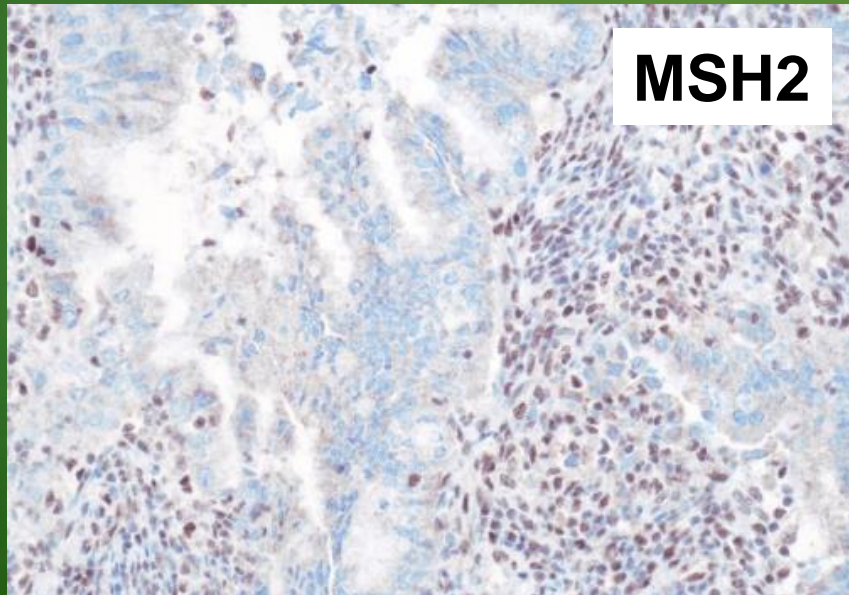
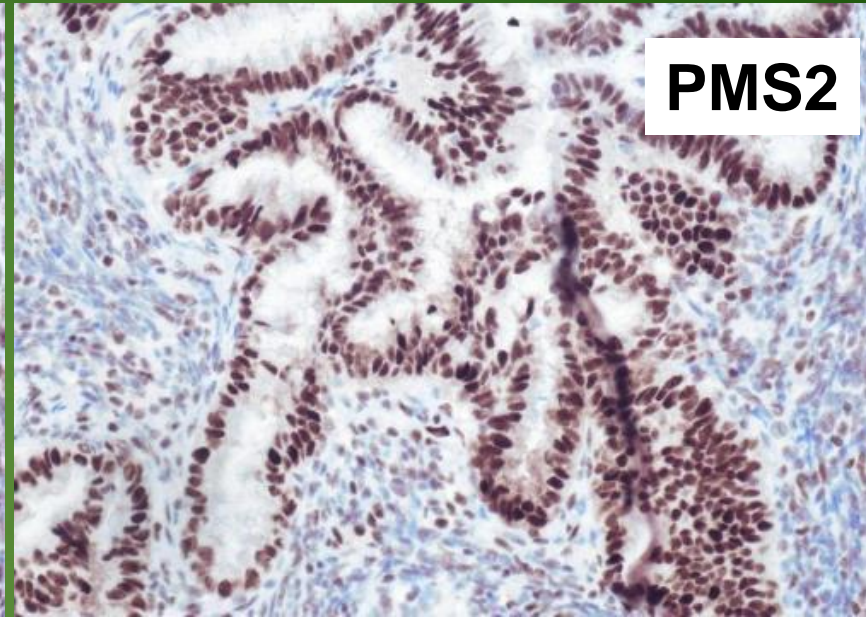
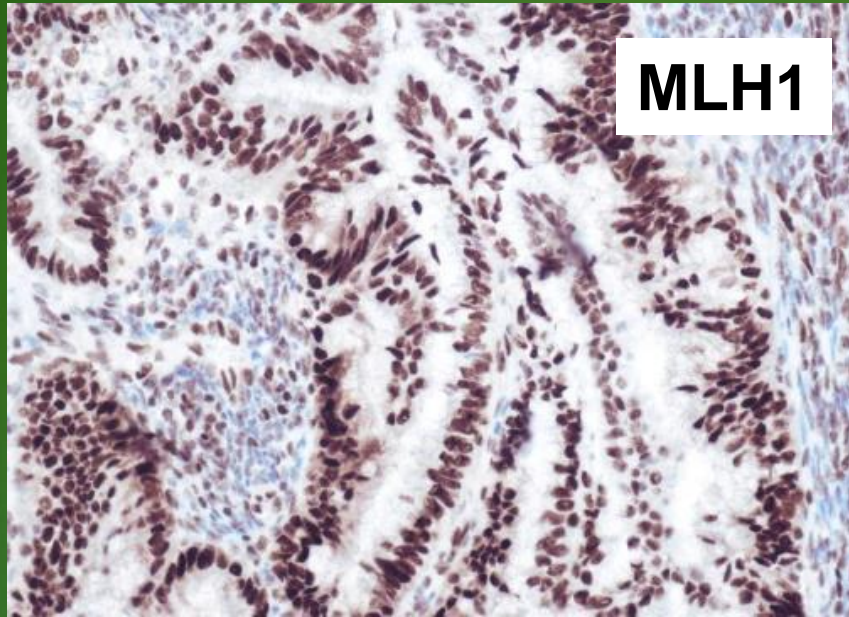
The background of the slide is composed of four panels of histological images showing endometrial carcinoma. The top-left panel shows a low-power view of the tumor with a complex, glandular architecture. The top-right panel is a high-power view showing individual glandular units with crowded, atypical epithelial cells. The bottom-left panel shows a high-power view of the tumor invading the myometrium, with malignant glands seen within the muscle fibers. The bottom-right panel is a high-power view of a dense, cellular area, likely representing lymphovascular space invasion (LVSI).

MMR-deficient Endometrial carcinoma:

**Older age, more likely FIGO grade 3,
stages III/IV, larger tumors, deep
myometrial invasion, propensity for
LVSI**



Reporting MMR immunohistochemistry





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Report MMR immunohistochemistry as retained/loss or proficient/deficient.

Not positive or negative.



Clinicopathological significance of deficient DNA mismatch repair and *MLH1* promoter methylation in endometrioid endometrial carcinoma

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- ▶ **MMR Proficient 438 (64.2%)**

- ▶ **MMR Deficient 244 (35.8%)**
 - ▶ MLH1 + PMS2 loss (29.8%) with 91% due to MLH1 promoter methylation
 - ▶ Isolated PMS2 loss (0.9%)
 - ▶ MSH2 + MSH6 loss (1.3%)
 - ▶ Isolated MSH6 loss (2.8%)

- ▶ **MLH1 + PMS2 + MSH6 loss (1%)**

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MMRp vs MMRd Endometrial Cancers

| | MMR proficient <i>n</i> (%) | MMR deficient <i>n</i> (%) | <i>P</i> value |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| <i>N</i> , total | 438 | 244 | |
| Age at diagnosis (mean ± SD) | 65.9 ± 10.3 | 69.5 ± 9.8 | <0.001 |
| Grade 1–2 | 385/438 (87.9) | 190/244 (77.9) | 0.001 |
| Grade 3 | 53/438 (12.2) | 54/244 (22.1) | |
| Stage I | 364/438 (83.1) | 184/244 (75.4) | 0.015 |
| Stage II–IV | 74/438 (16.9) | 60/244 (19.6) | |
| Myometrial invasion ≥50% | 147/438 (33.6) | 99/244 (40.6) | 0.068 |
| Lymphovascular invasion | 88/429 (20.5) | 63/244 (25.8) | 0.113 |
| Peritoneal cytology + | 22/431 (5.1) | 7/240 (2.9) | 0.182 |
| Tumor size ≥2 cm | 297/408 (72.8) | 183/227 (80.6) | 0.028 |
| Abundant TILs | 74/419 (17.7) | 73/235 (31.3) | <0.001 |
| PD-L1 tumor cells ≥1% | 32/419 (7.6) | 22/235 (9.4) | 0.442 |
| PD-L1 immune cells ≥1% | 76/419 (20.4) | 97/235 (41.3) | <0.001 |
| PD-L1 CPS ≥1% | 50/419 (11.9) | 62/235 (26.4) | <0.001 |
| ER <10% | 36/426 (8.5) | 24/235 (10.2) | 0.450 |
| PR <10% | 78/431 (18.1) | 47/233 (20.2) | 0.514 |

- ▶ MMRd group: those with MLH1 promoter methylation were >70y, tumors ≥2 cm (p<0.001).



MLH1-methylated Endometrial Cancers

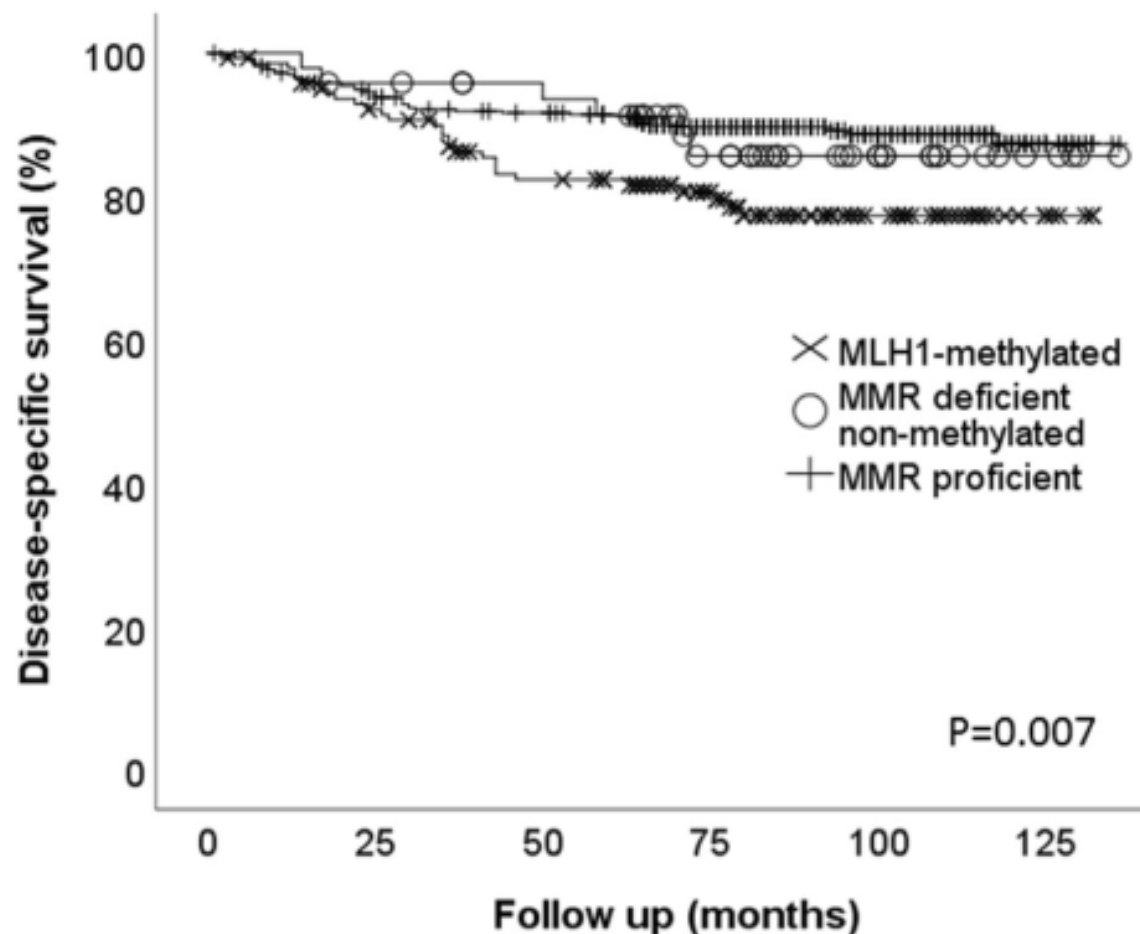
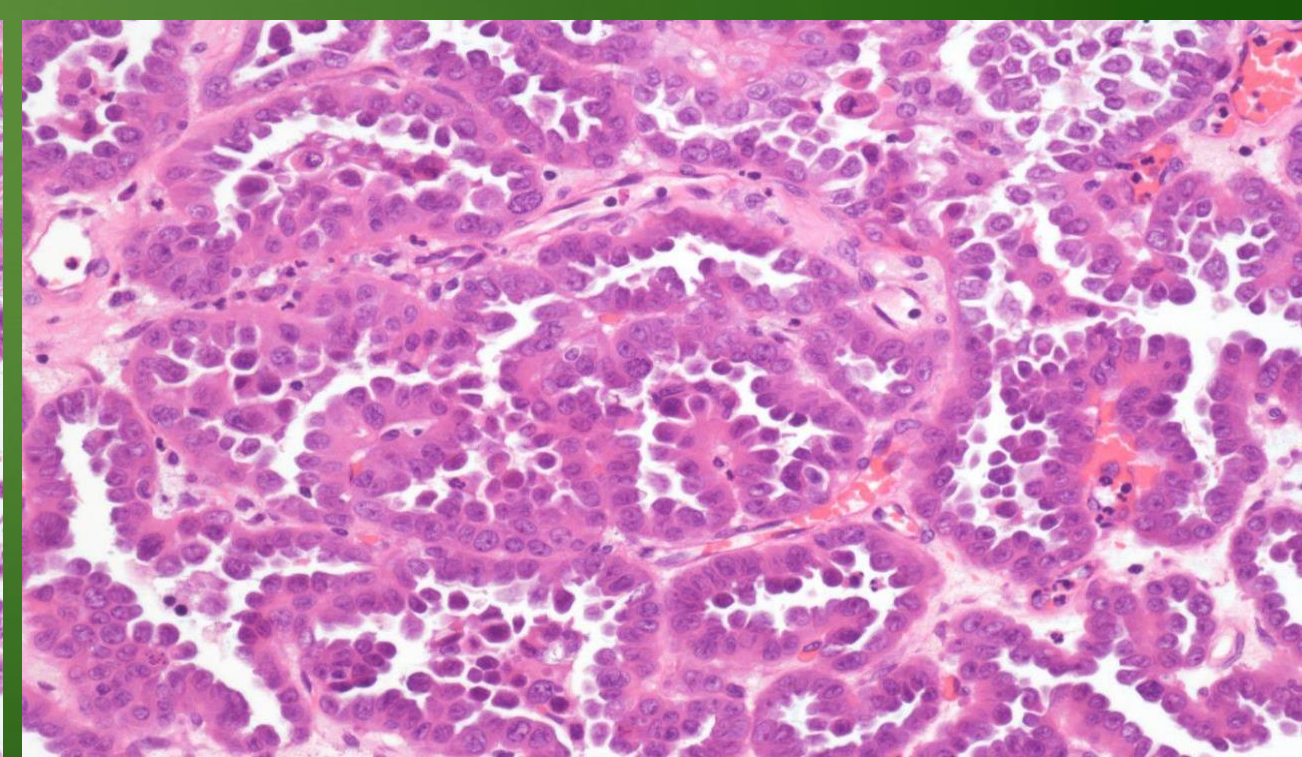
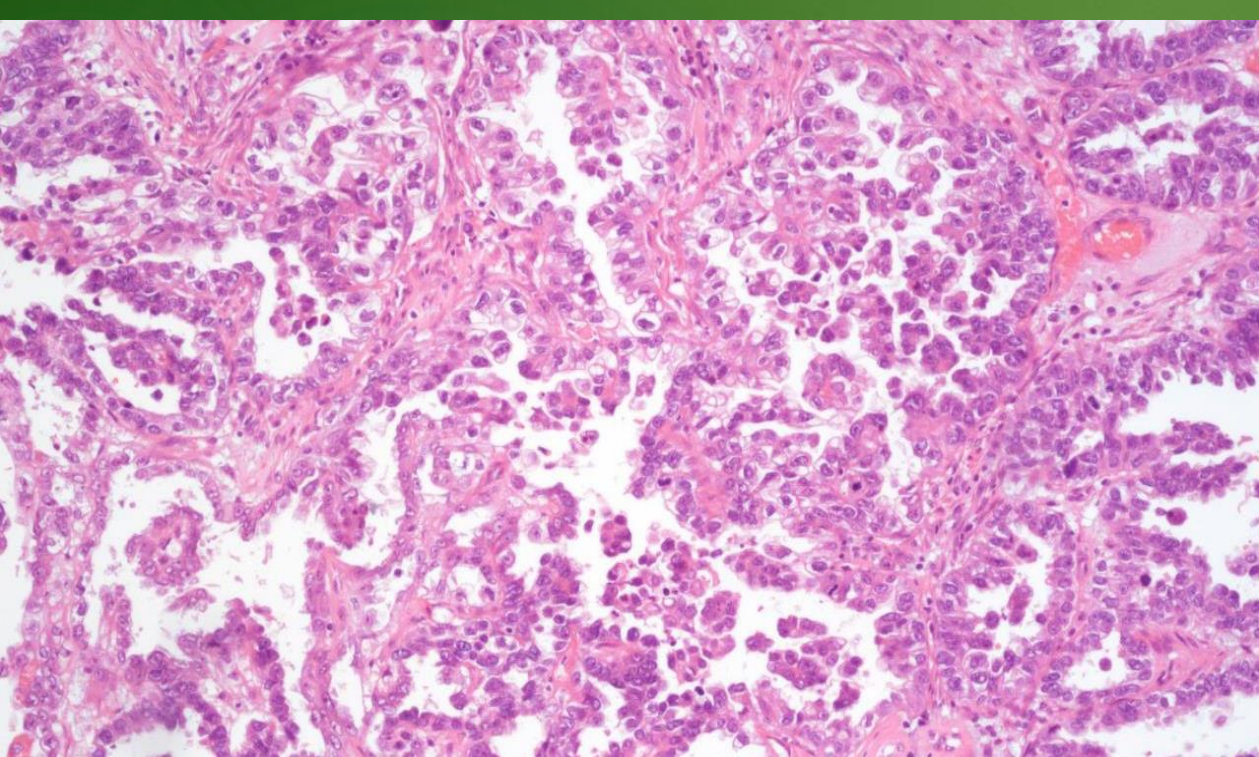
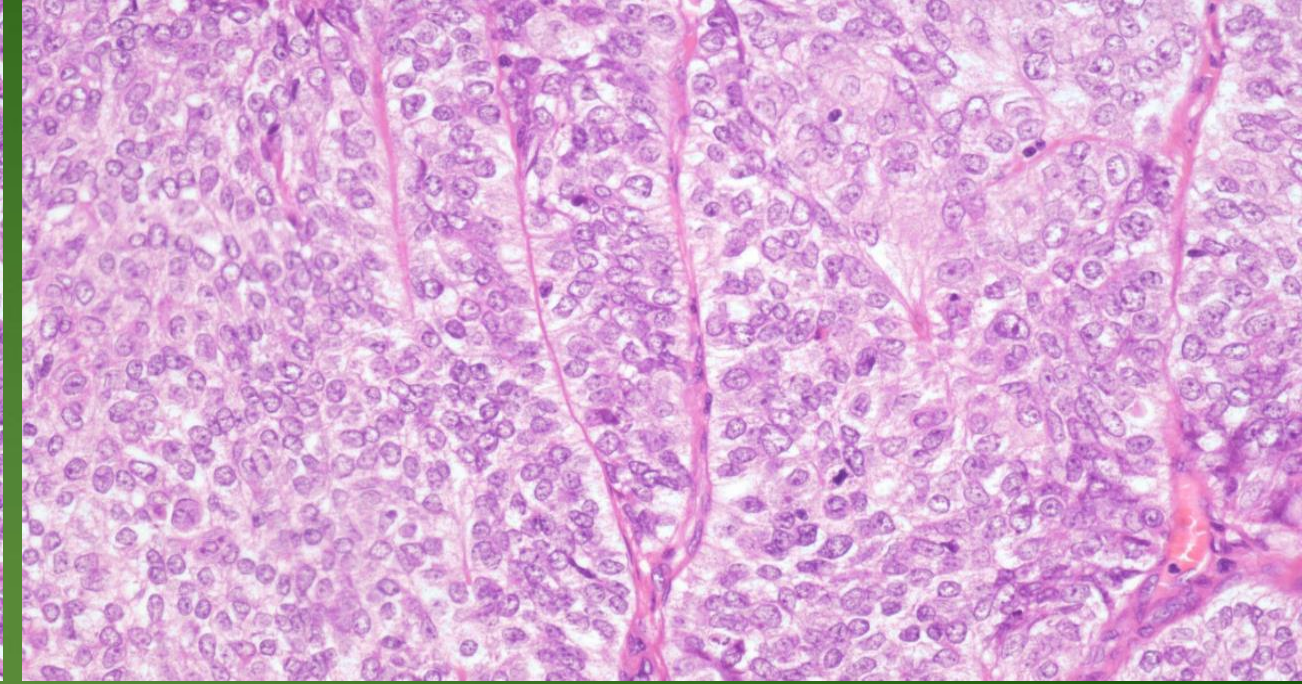
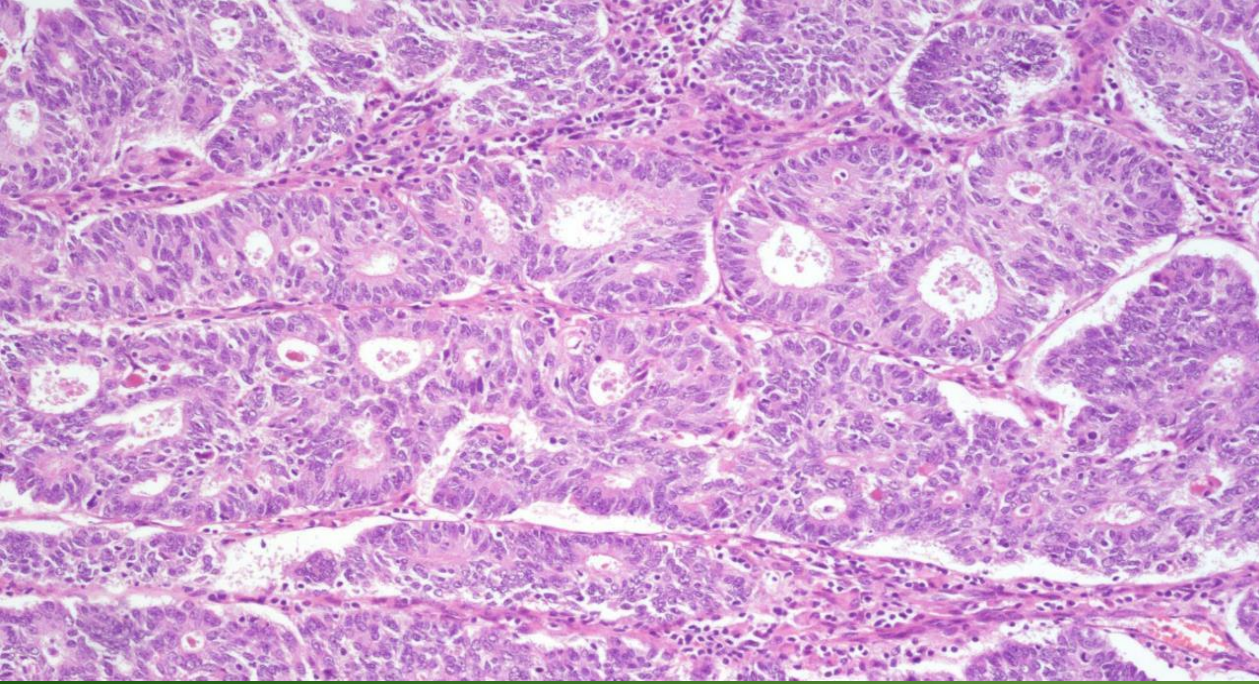
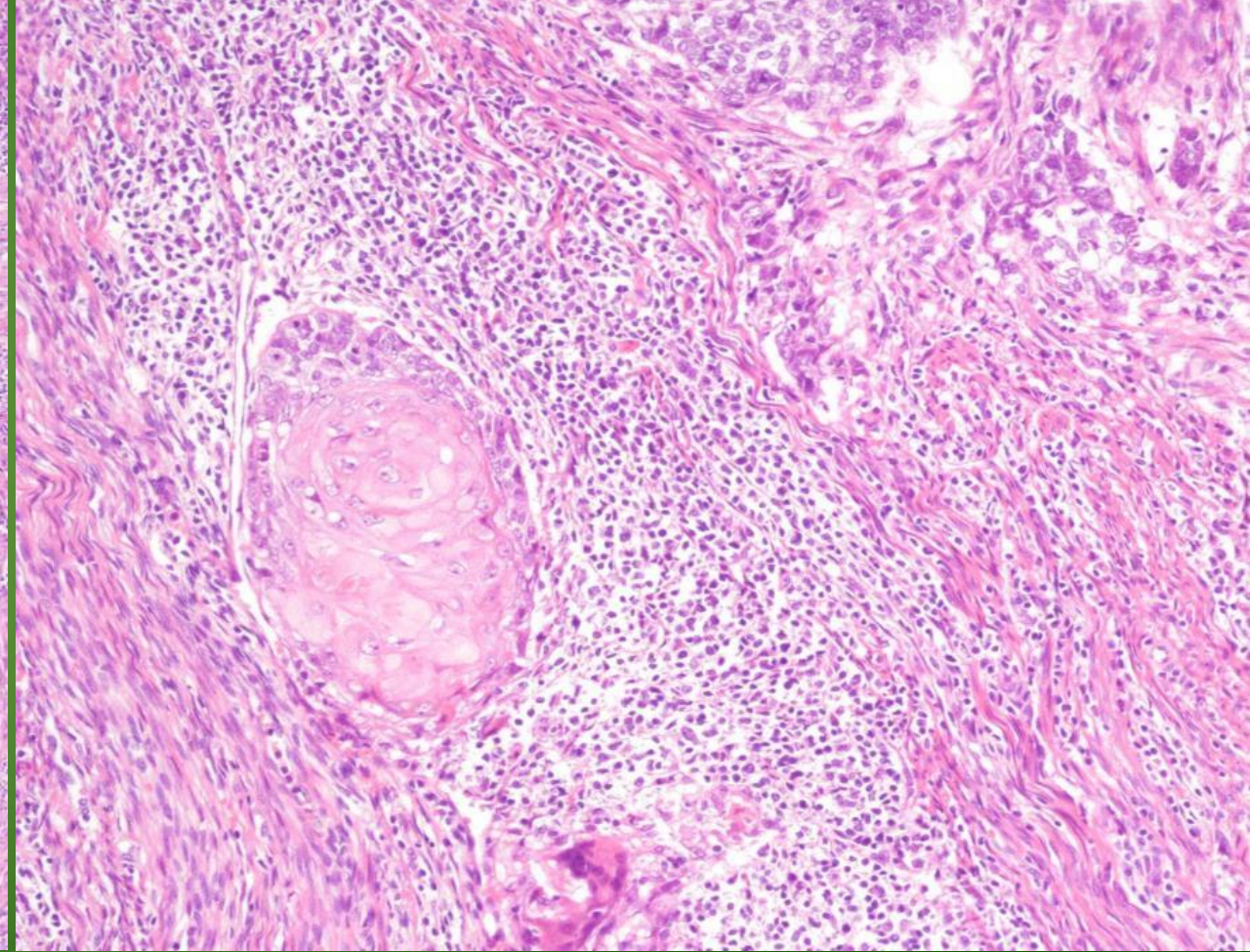
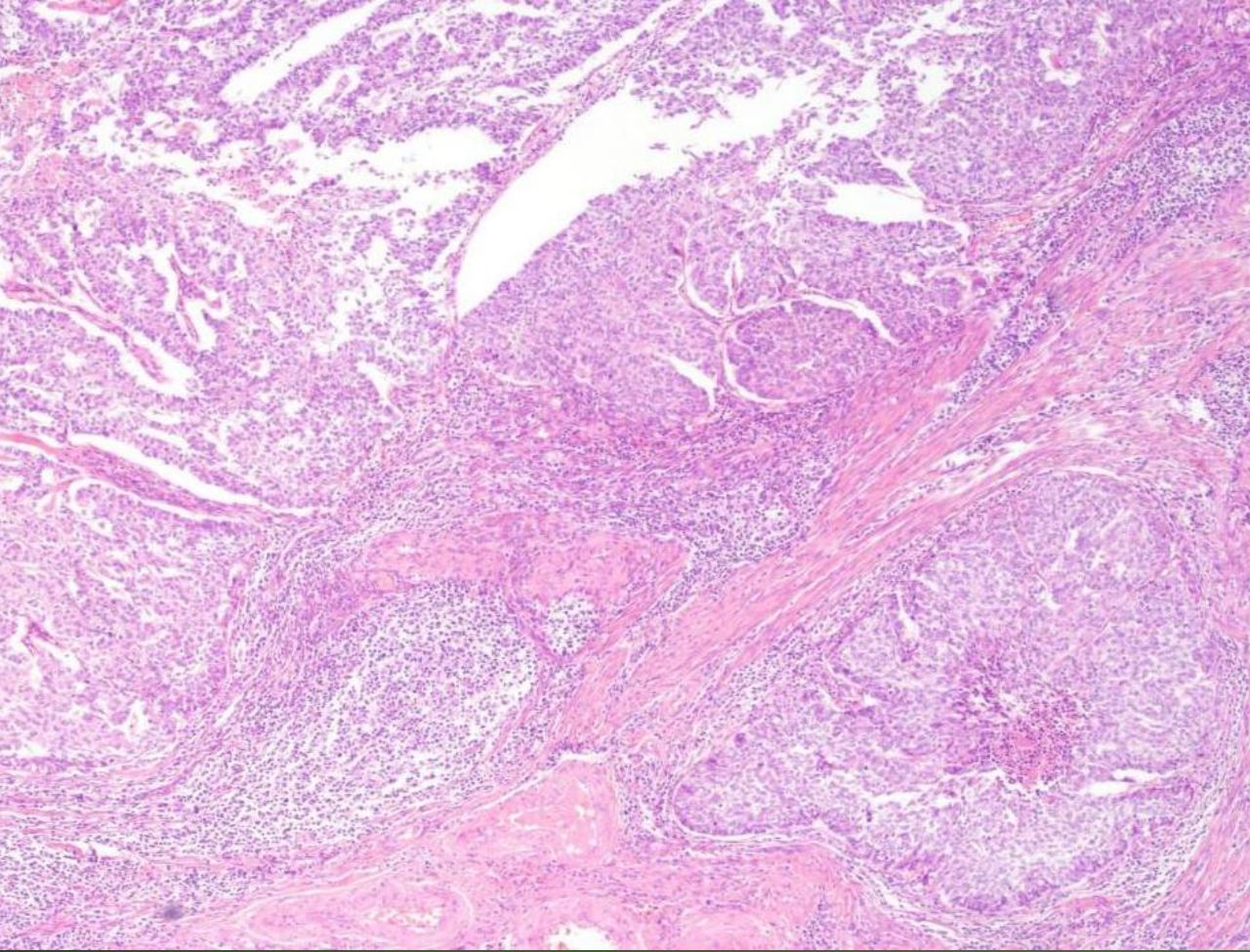


Fig. 3 Disease-specific survival according to the MMR phenotype.

| | DFS | OS | |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| MMR methylated | 83.2% | 71.3% | $P=0.007$ |
| MMR-non methylated | 91.7% | 83.3% | |

- ▶ MMRd-Met phenotype predicted lower disease-specific survival.







POLE-ultramutated endometrial carcinoma

Somatic inactivating hotspot mutations involving *POLE* exonuclease domain. Very high mutational burden.

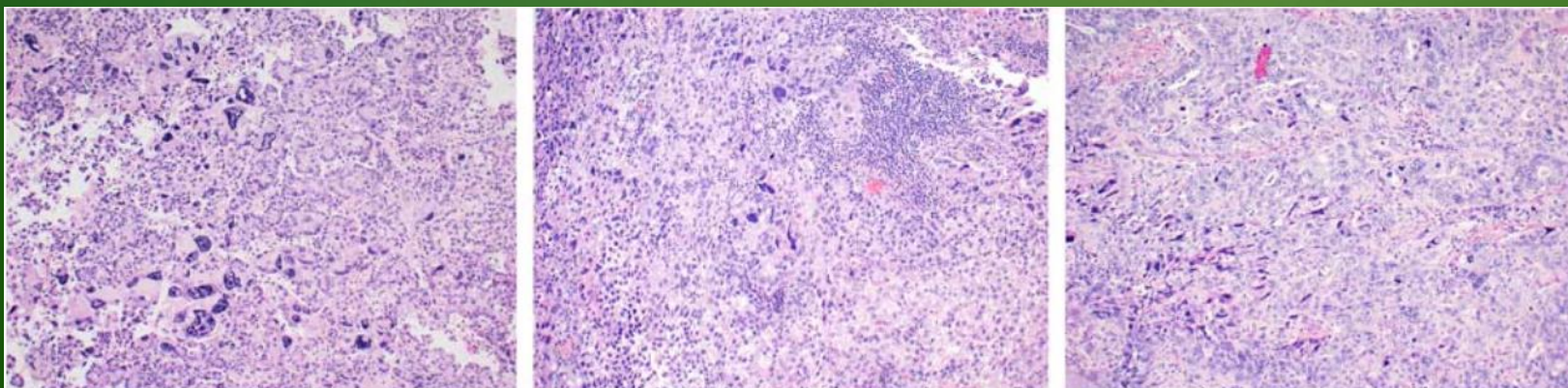
Endometrioid histology, morphologic heterogeneity, high tumor grade, TILs, bizarre tumor cells.



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| | POLE-mut (N=10) | MMR-d (N=35) | p53-ab (N=18) | NSMP (N=26) | MultClass (N=6) | Total Cases (N=95) | P |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Morphologic characteristics | | | | | | | |
| Low-grade EEC component | 6 (60) | 30 (86) | 12 (67) | 19 (73) | 5 (83) | 72 (76) | 0.22 |
| Squamous differentiation | 6 (60) | 25 (71) | 10 (56) | 17 (65) | 4 (67) | 62 (65) | 0.69 |
| Mucinous differentiation | 2 (20) | 15 (43) | 2 (11) | 4 (15) | 0 (0) | 23 (24) | 0.03 |
| Necrosis | 6 (60) | 20 (57) | 12 (67) | 12 (46) | 4 (67) | 54 (57) | 0.60 |
| Bizarre atypia | 9 (90) | 7 (20) | 13 (72) | 7 (27) | 6 (100) | 42 (44) | <0.001 |
| Tumor heterogeneity | 3 (30) | 20 (57) | 6 (33) | 4 (15) | 6 (100) | 39 (41) | 0.008 |
| Peritumoral lymphocytes | 10 (100) | 24 (68) | 12 (67) | 9 (35) | 5 (83) | 60 (63) | 0.001 |
| TILs | 8 (80) | 26 (74) | 9 (50) | 12 (46) | 5 (83) | 60 (63) | 0.06 |
| Any LVI | 3 (30) | 19 (54) | 13 (72) | 12 (46) | 2 (33) | 49 (52) | 0.16 |
| Extensive LVI | 1 (10) | 9 (26) | 6 (33) | 5 (19) | 0 (0) | 21 (22) | 0.55 |





POLE-ultramutated endometrial carcinoma

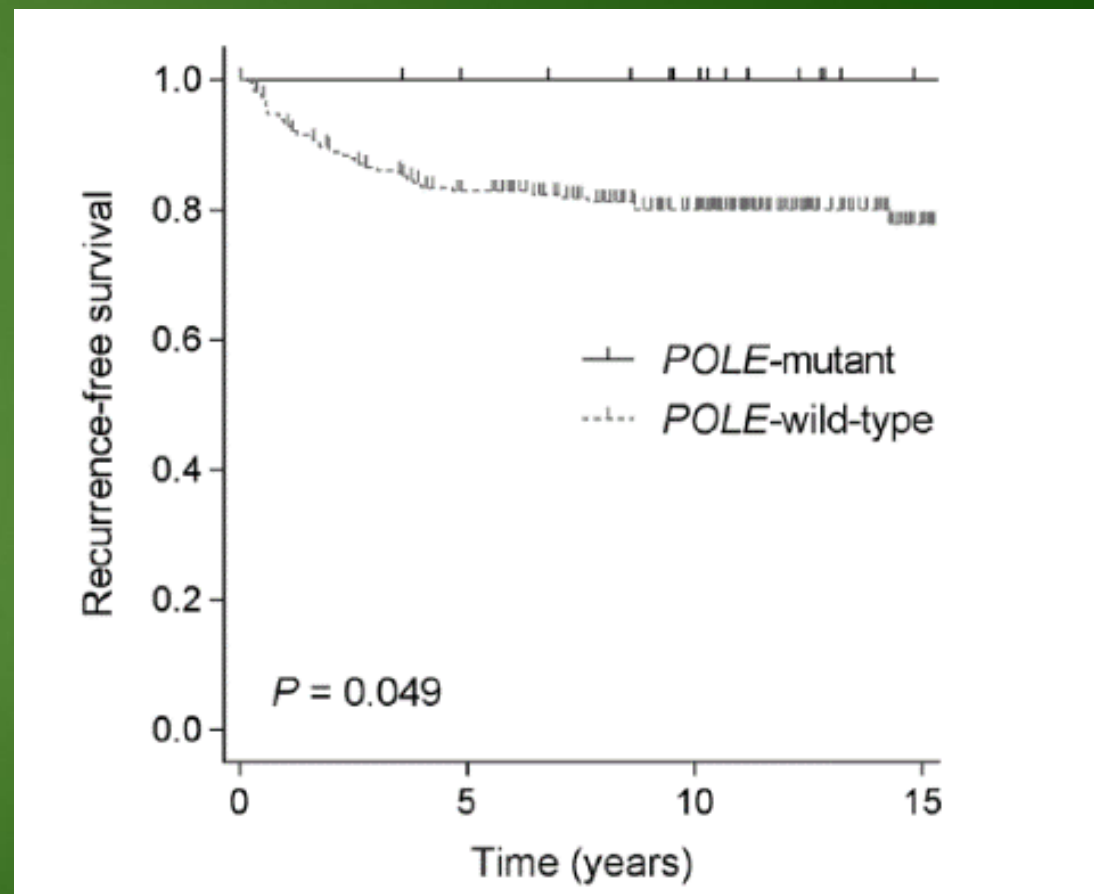
- ▶ Currently, tumors with high-grade features are categorized in higher clinical risk groups, and ultimately received adjuvant therapy.
- ▶ Many studies and trials results have highlighted the clinical importance of recognising *POLE* ultramutated endometrial carcinoma.

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POLE-ultramutated endometrial carcinoma

- ▶ Prospective PORTEC-1 trial observational arm (no adjuvant therapy). Patients with *POLE* mutated cancers have better survival.
- ▶ Likely due to high mutational burden that led to augmented host immunity response.



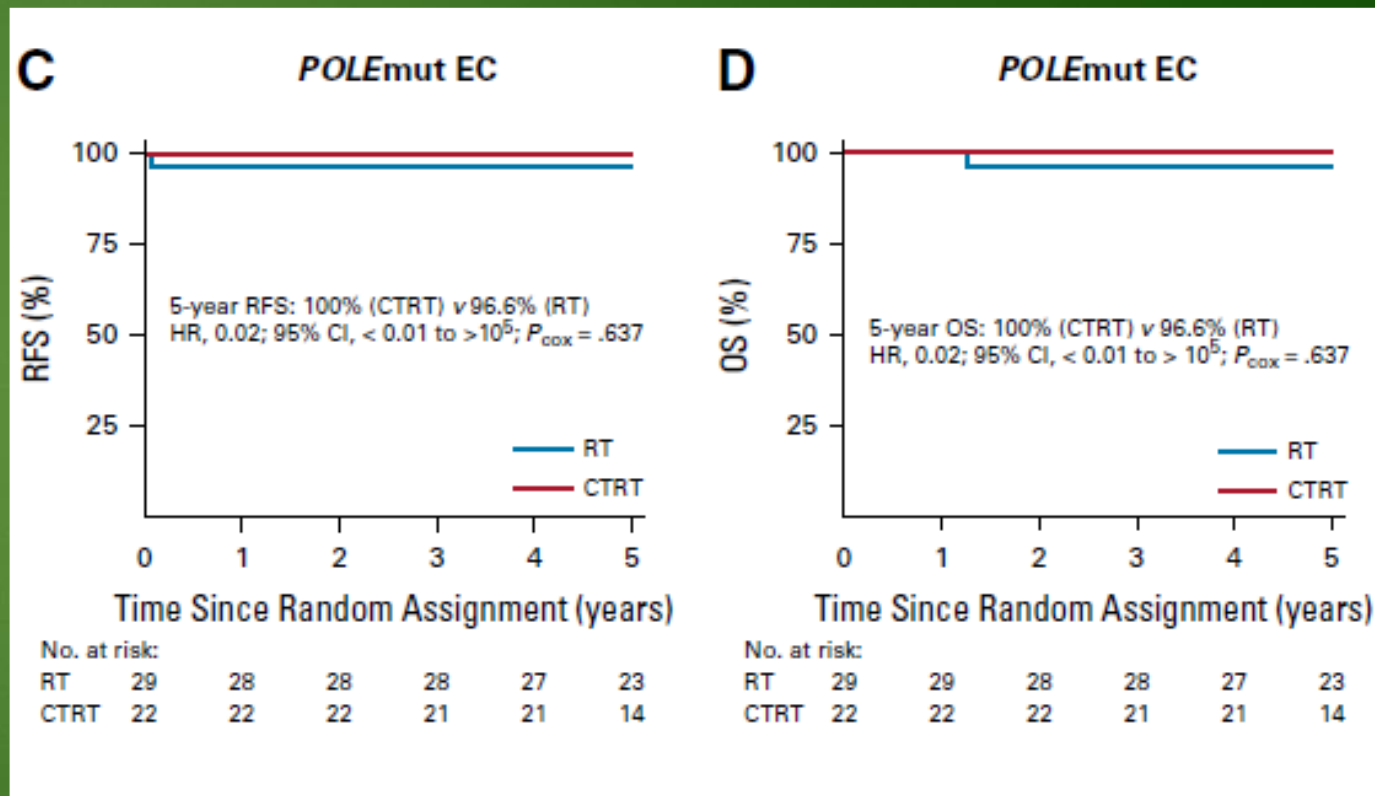


POLE-ultramutated endometrial carcinoma



- ▶ Applied molecular classification to PORTEC-3 trial cohort of 410 high-risk patients.
- ▶ ECC (IAG3+LVSI, IBG3)
- ▶ ECC (II/III)
- ▶ Non-ECC (I/II/III)

- ▶ Regardless of treatments (RT or CTRT), there were no differences in RFS and OS.





POLE-ultramutated endometrial carcinoma

- ▶ Meta-analysis 359 endometrial cancers with *POLE*-mut, 294 (82%) were pathogenic.
- ▶ Apart from stage, other prognostic factors are not significantly associated with progression, recurrence, or death. Effects of adjuvant treatment were not associated with clinical outcome.
- ▶ Among the cases with pathogenic *POLE* mutations, adverse events (11 recurrence/progression, and 3 deaths) are rare. Salvage rates (8/11 ANED) are high.



POLE-ultramutated endometrial carcinoma

- ▶ Evidences so far indicate *POLE* mutants have favourable prognosis. Should be tested for routinely.
- ▶ Currently PORTEC4a prospective trial has incorporate molecular characteristics into high-intermediate risk patients (defined by traditional criteria) to determine if omission of adjuvant therapy or de-escalation treatment is safe or not.



Determining *POLE* mutational status

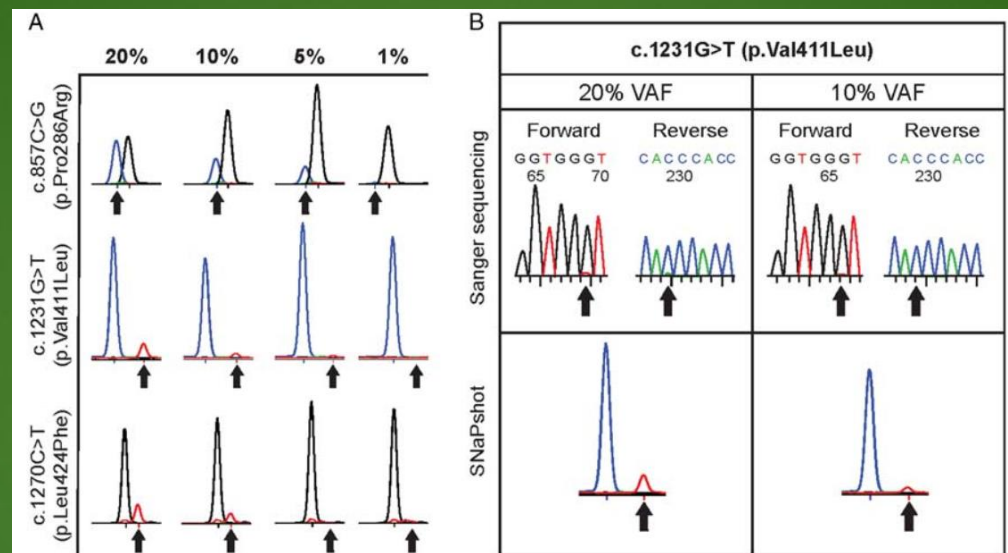


TABLE 2. Evaluation of performance of SNaPshot sequencing, Sanger sequencing, and next-generation sequencing

| | SNaPshot | Sanger sequencing | NGS |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Sensitivity | ~10% VAF | ~20% VAF | ~5% VAF |
| Coverage | Target loci | Whole exon | Whole exon |
| Special equipment | Capillary electrophoresis | Capillary electrophoresis | NGS Sequencer |
| Interpretation | Easy | Intermediate | Intermediate |
| Molecular pathologist interpretation time | Minutes | Minutes to hours* | Minutes to hours* |
| Total time to results | Hours | Hours to days | Weeks |
| Estimated reagent cost per sample | \$ | \$\$ | \$\$\$ |

*Requires molecular pathologist to determine pathogenicity of novel variants.
NGS indicates next-generation sequencing; VAF, variant allele fraction.



Determining pathogenicity of *POLE* mutation

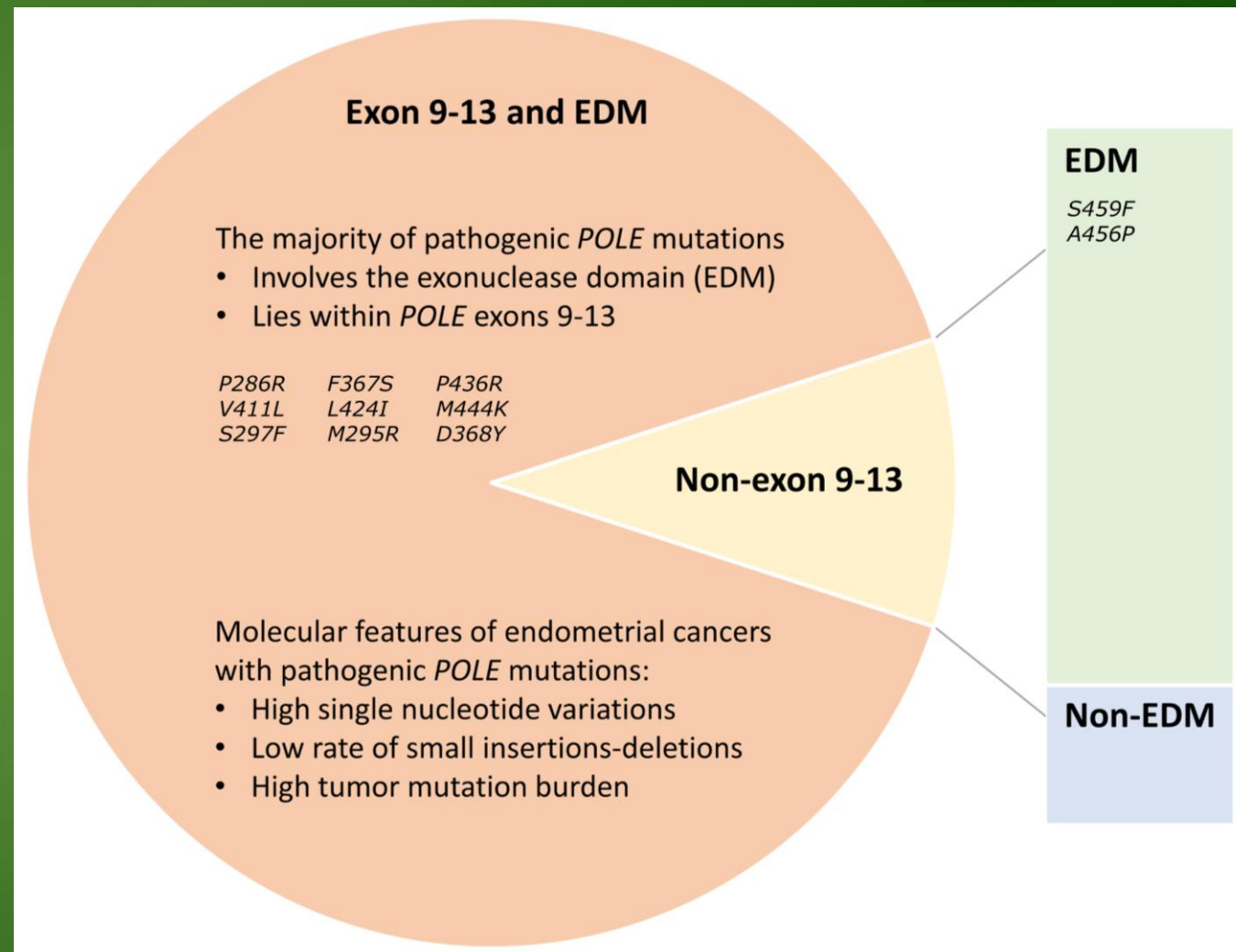
- ▶ Leon-Castillo et al. described how analysis of (1) base changes, (2) TMB, (3) MSI status, and (4) *POLE* VAF by using six *in-silico* tools, a POLE score could be generated.
- ▶ *POLE* score ≥ 4 = pathogenic
- ▶ *POLE* score 3 = VUS
- ▶ *POLE* score ≤ 2 = non-pathogenic
- ▶ Using these methods, the pathogenicity of novel *POLE* mutations discovered by NGS may be determined.



Determining pathogenicity of *POLE* mutation

- ▶ The majority of pathogenic *POLE* mutations are in the exonuclease domains. Only R705W mutation lies outside.

| Protein change | Nucleotide substitution |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| P286R | c.857C>G |
| V411L | c.1231G>T/C |
| S297F | c.890C>T |
| S459F | c.1376C>T |
| A456P | c.1366G>C |
| F367S | c.1100T>C |
| L424I | c.1270C>A |
| M295R | c.884T>G |
| P436R | c.1307C>G |
| M444K | c.1331T>A |
| D368Y | c.1102G>T |

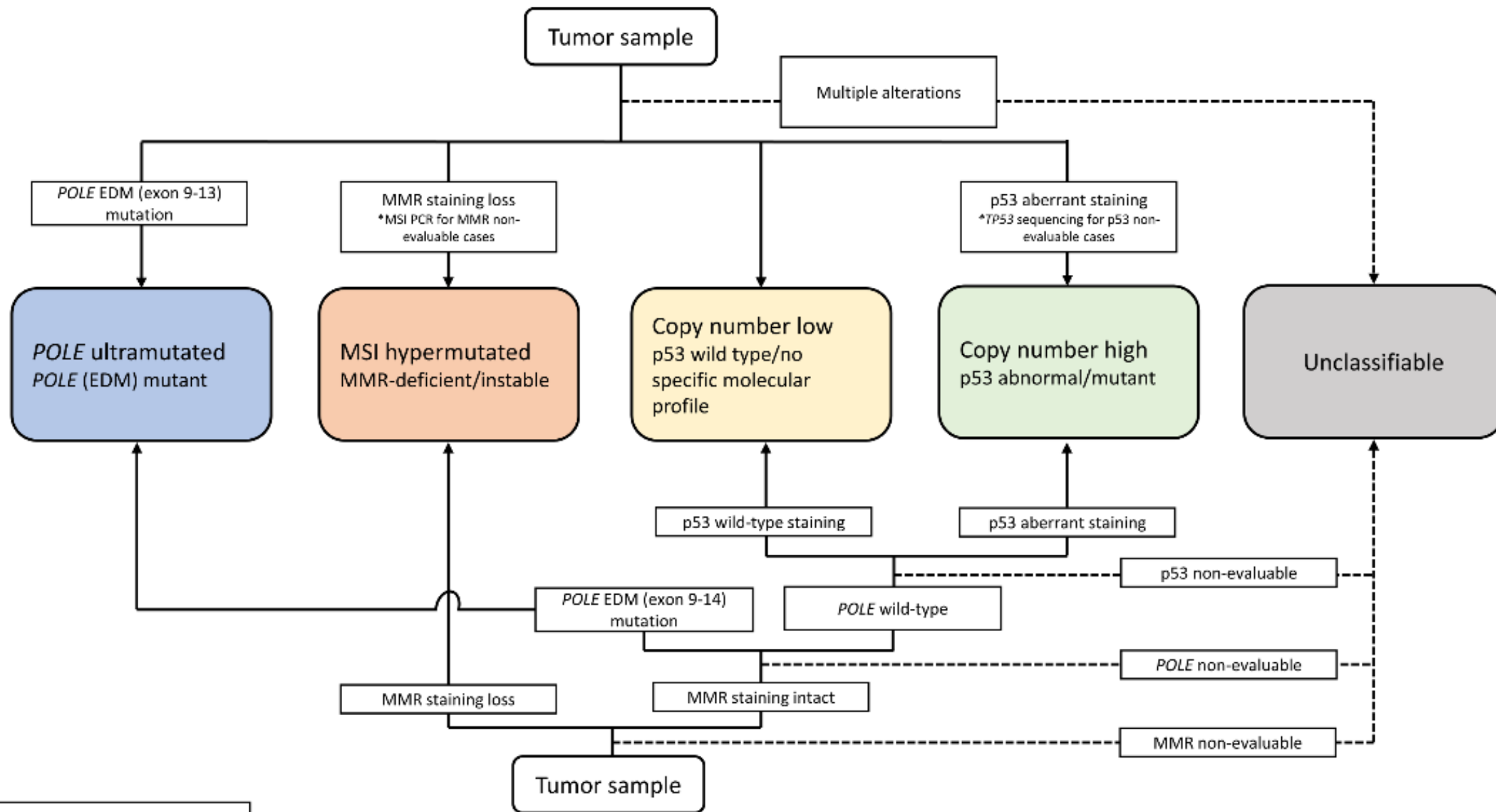




Incorporation of Molecular Classification of Endometrial Cancers – Practical issues


- ✓ Surrogate markers: *POLE* mutational analysis, MMR IHC, and p53 IHC.
- ▶ Universal vs. selected groups of tumors?
- ▶ What is the appropriate algorithm for perform these tests?

TransPORTEC classification

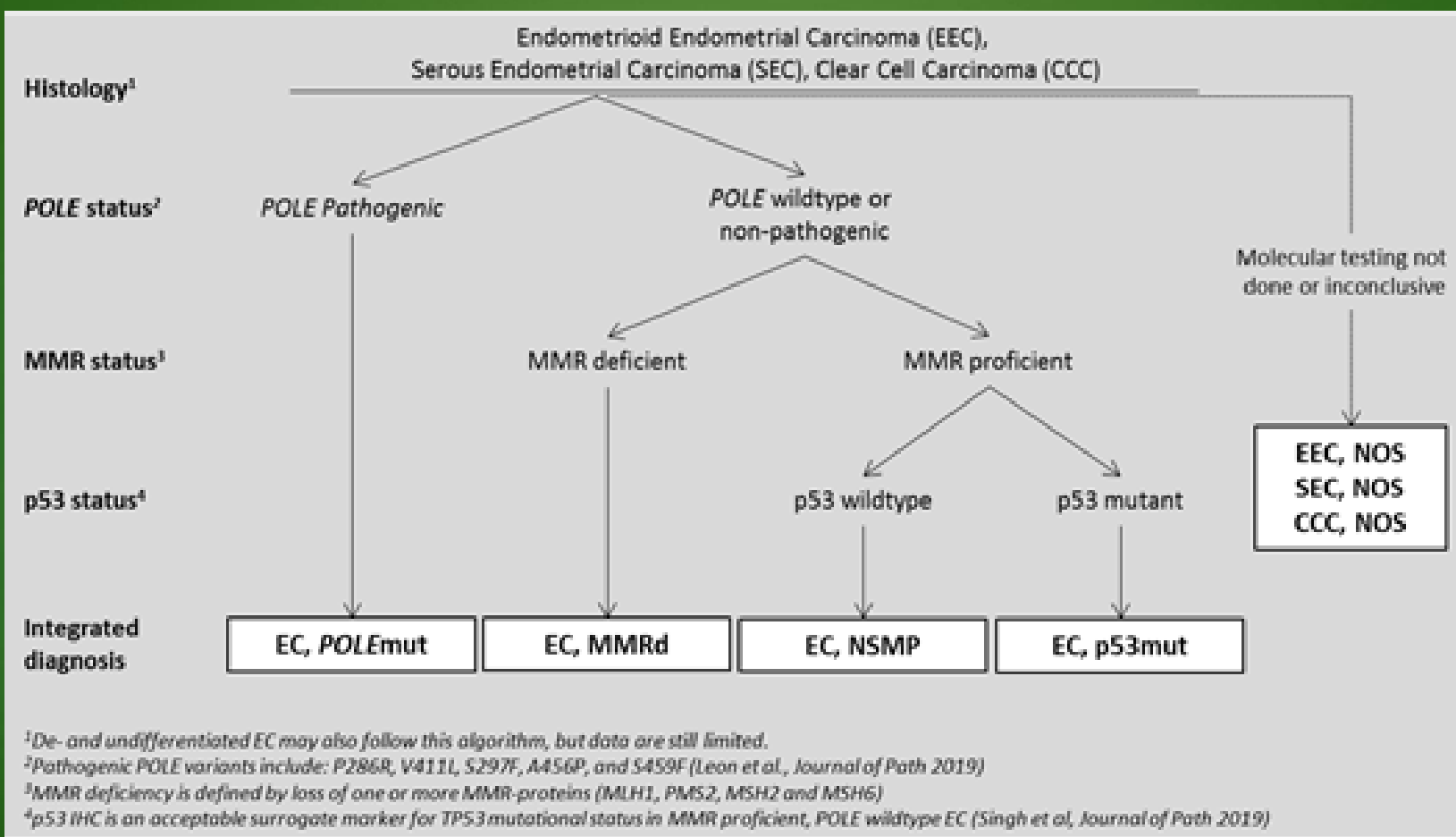




Incorporation of molecular characteristics into endometrial cancer management

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Molecularly Classified Uterine FIGO Grade 3 Endometrioid Carcinomas Show Distinctive Clinical Outcomes But Overlapping Morphologic Features

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TABLE 4. Clinicopathologic and Molecular Features of Cases Showing Multiple Molecular Classifying Features

| | Age (y) | <i>POLE</i> | MMR IHC | p53 IHC | Lynch Status | FIGO Stage | Adjuvant Therapy | Follow-up |
|---|---------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 63 | p.P286R | PMS2 loss | Wild-type | Unknown | IB | None | NED (24 mo) |
| 2 | 55 | p.P286H | MSH2/MSH6 loss | Wild-type | <i>MSH6</i> germline mutation | IA | None | NED (15 mo) |
| 3 | 56 | p.M444K | MLH1/PMS2 loss | Wild-type | Unknown | IIIC2 | None | NED (100 mo) |
| 4 | 59 | p.M444K | PMS2 loss | Aberrant (diffuse) | Unknown | IA | None | NED (134 mo) |
| 5 | 63 | p.P286R | Intact | Aberrant (null) | Not applicable | IB | None | NED (10 mo) |
| 6 | 59 | None | PMS2 loss | Aberrant (diffuse) | Unknown | IA | None | NED (119 mo) |

NED indicates no evidence of disease.

- ▶ 6 Multiple classifiers
- ▶ Vermij: *POLE* first, missed patient with Lynch
- ▶ ProMisE: MMR first, missed *POLE*



Molecular Classification of Endometrial Cancers – Multiple Classifiers

- ▶ Multiple classifiers (more than one molecular profile).
- ▶ MMRd+p53abn
- ▶ *POLE*mut+p53abn
- ▶ *POLE*mut+MMRd
- ▶ *POLE*mut+MMRd+p53abn



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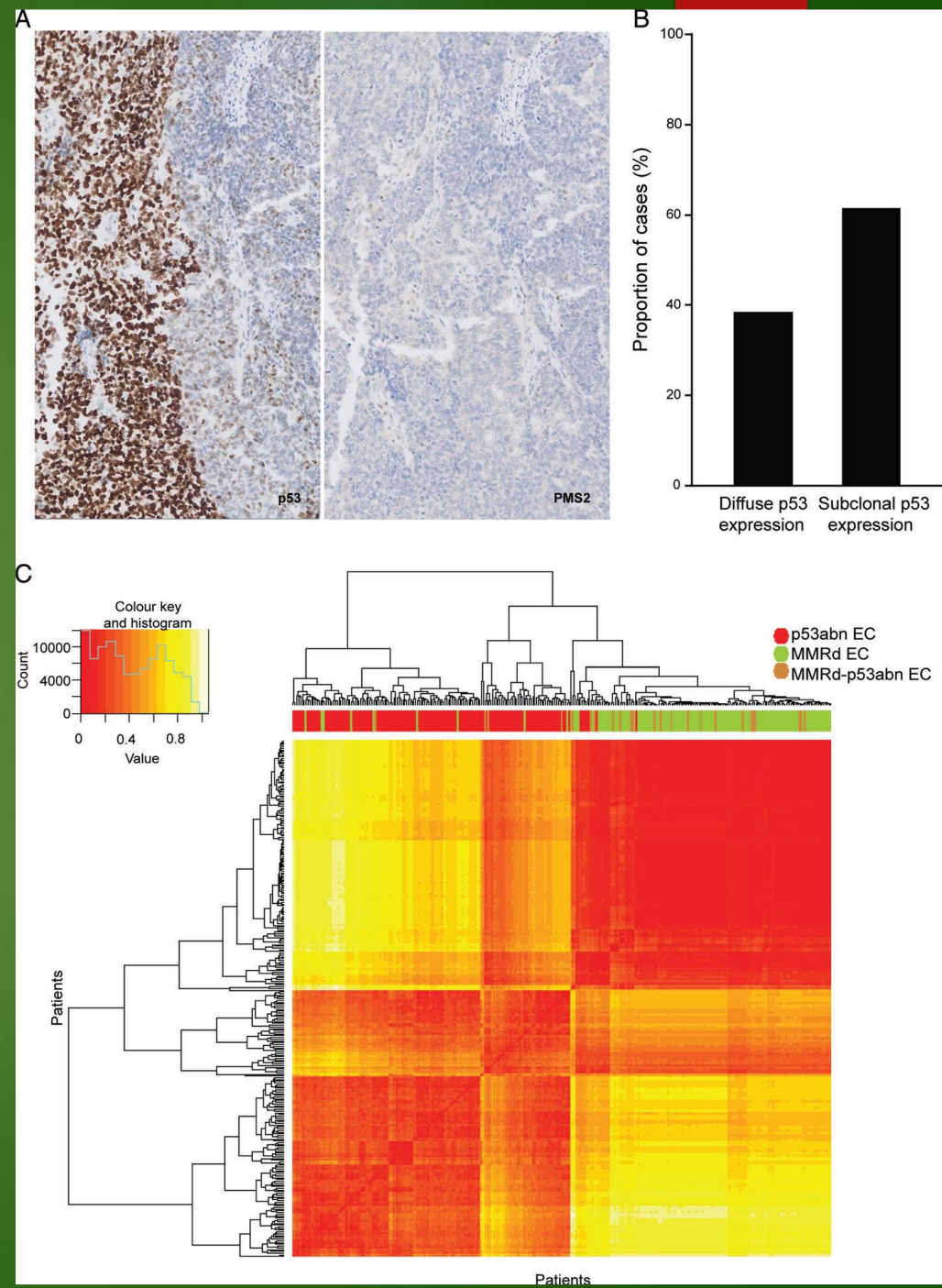
Molecular Classification of Endometrial Cancers – Multiple Classifiers

- ▶ Multiple classifiers (more than one molecular profile).
- ▶ Leon-Castillo: 3518 EC cases, 107 (3%) are multiple classifiers
 - ▶ 64/107 (60%) = MMRd+p53abn
 - ▶ 31/107 (29%) = *POLE*mut+p53abn
 - ▶ 12/107 (11%) = *POLE*mut+MMRd+p53abn



MMRd+p53abn EC

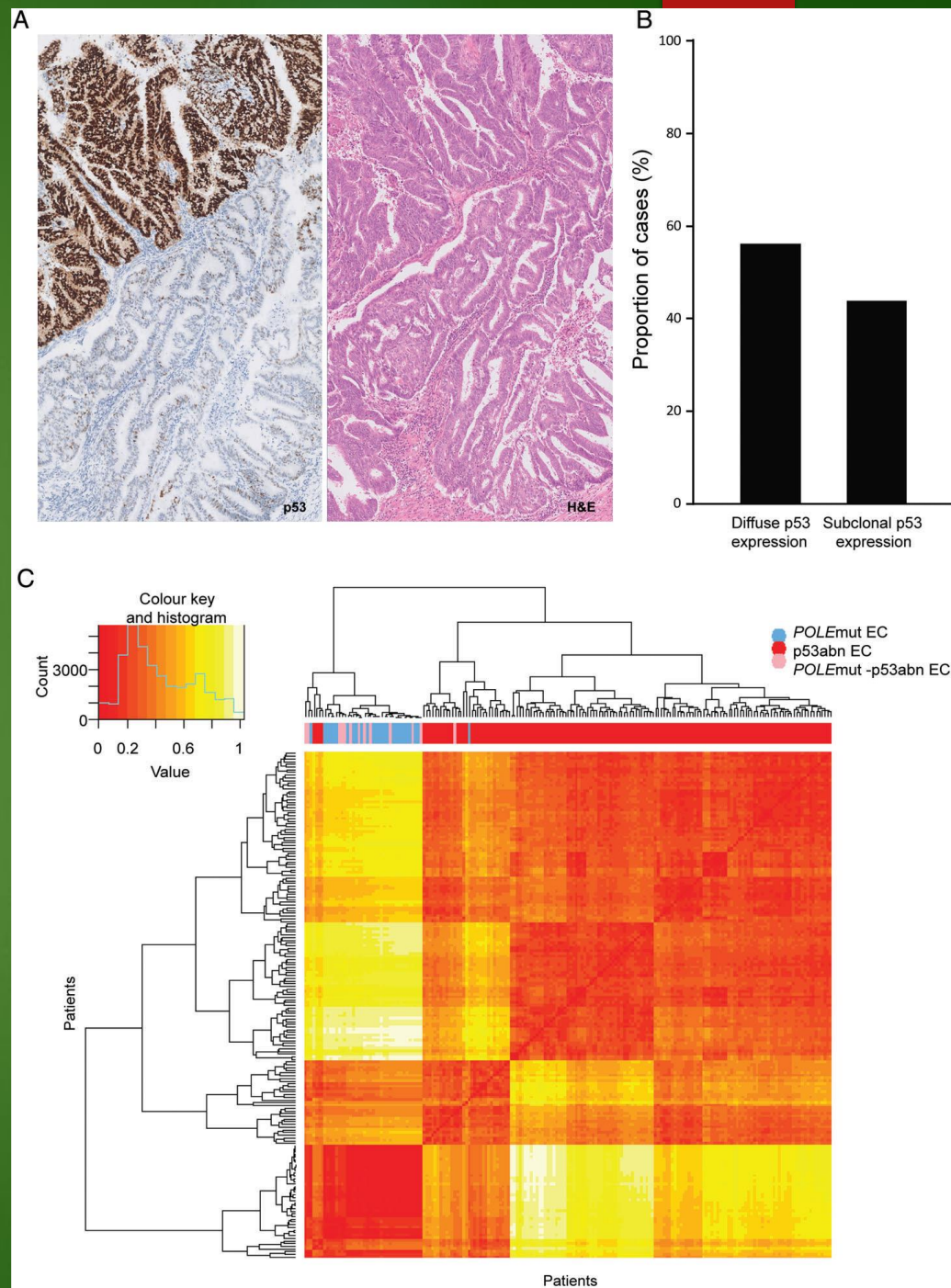
- ▶ Stage IA/IB (~73.5%).
- ▶ FIGO grade 3 endometrioid or mixed carcinomas (84.4%).
- ▶ Hierarchical clustering by SNVs and SCNAs showed that they clustered with MMRd, rather than with p53abn.
- ▶ RFS for stage I: MMRd+p53abn (92.2%) vs. p53abn only (70.8%).





POLEmut+p53abn EC

- ▶ Stage IA/IB (77.4%).
- ▶ FIGO grade 3 endometrioid or mixed carcinomas (90.4%).
- ▶ Hierarchical clustering by SNVs and SCNAs showed that they clustered with *POLEmut*, rather than with p53abn.
- ▶ RFS for stage I: *POLEmut*+p53abn (94.1%) vs. p53abn only (70.8%).



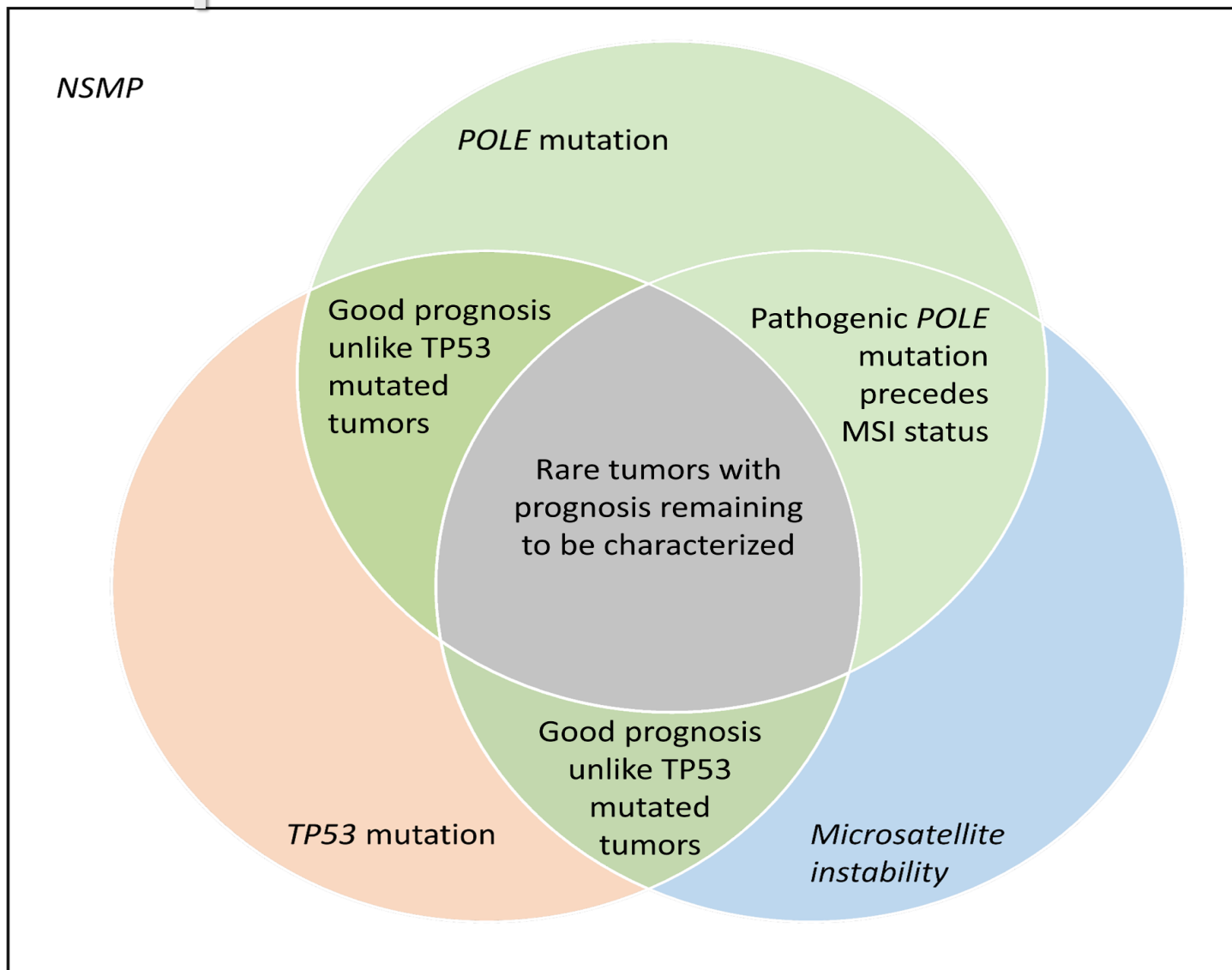


POLEmut+MMRd EC

- ▶ Leon-Castillo: 3361 EC cases, 13 (0.004%) were *POLEmut+MMRd*.
- ▶ Genomically similar to pure *POLE*-mut .
- ▶ Prognostically similar to *POLEmut* (RFS 92.3%).
- ▶ Non-pathogenic *POLEmut+MMRd* with RFS 76.2% (similar to MMRd, *POLE*-wild type).



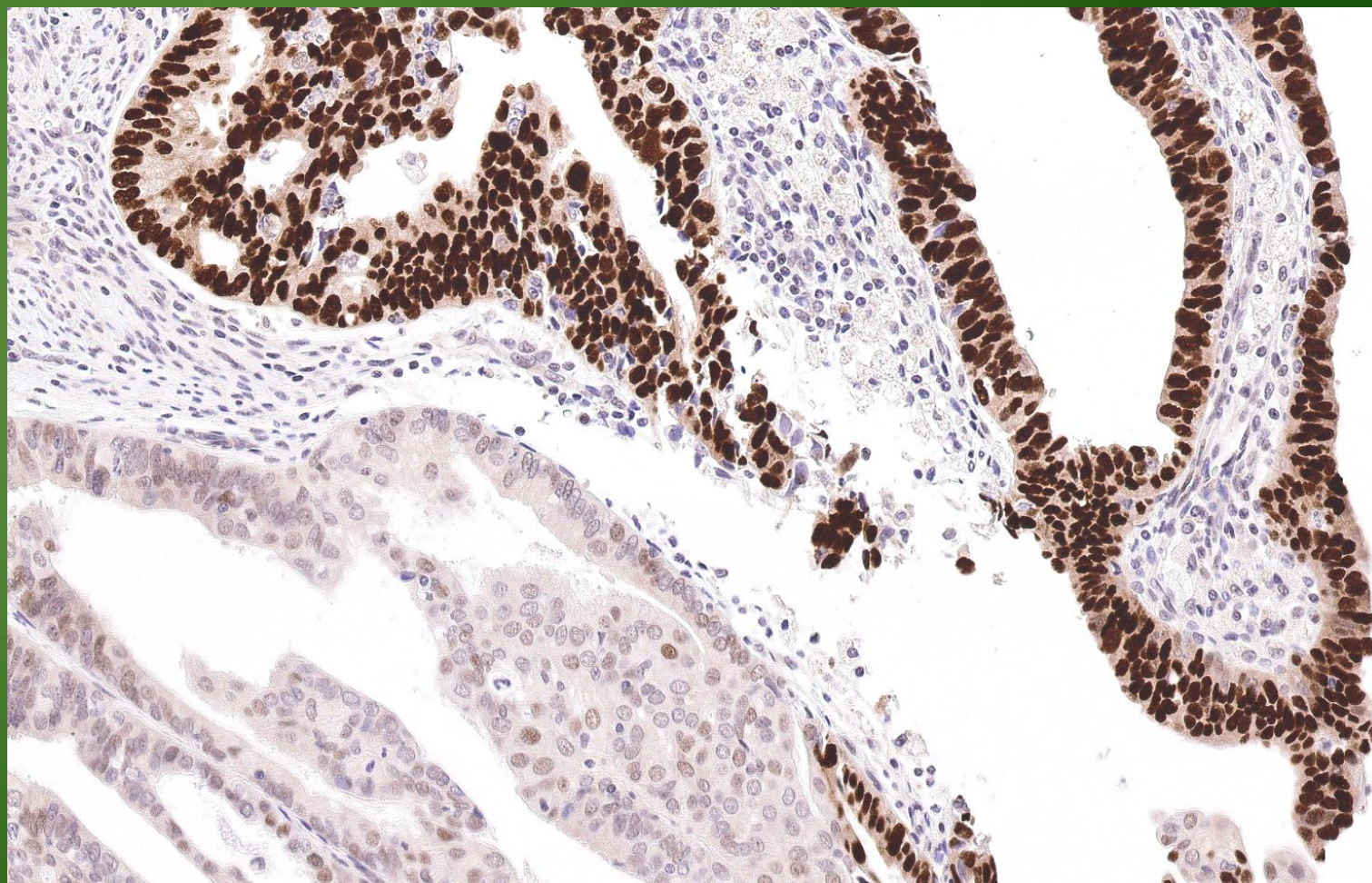
Multiple Molecular Classifiers

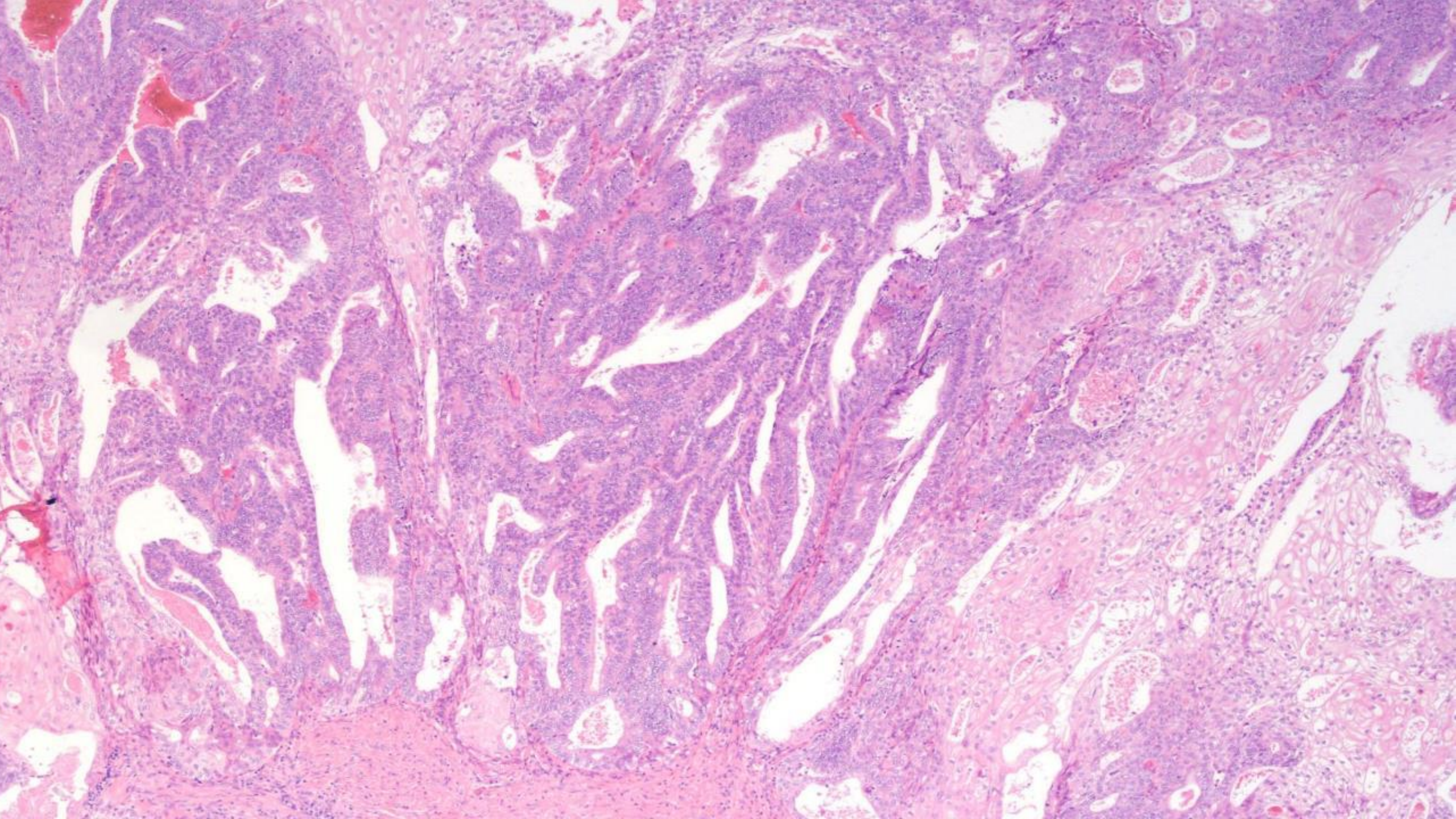


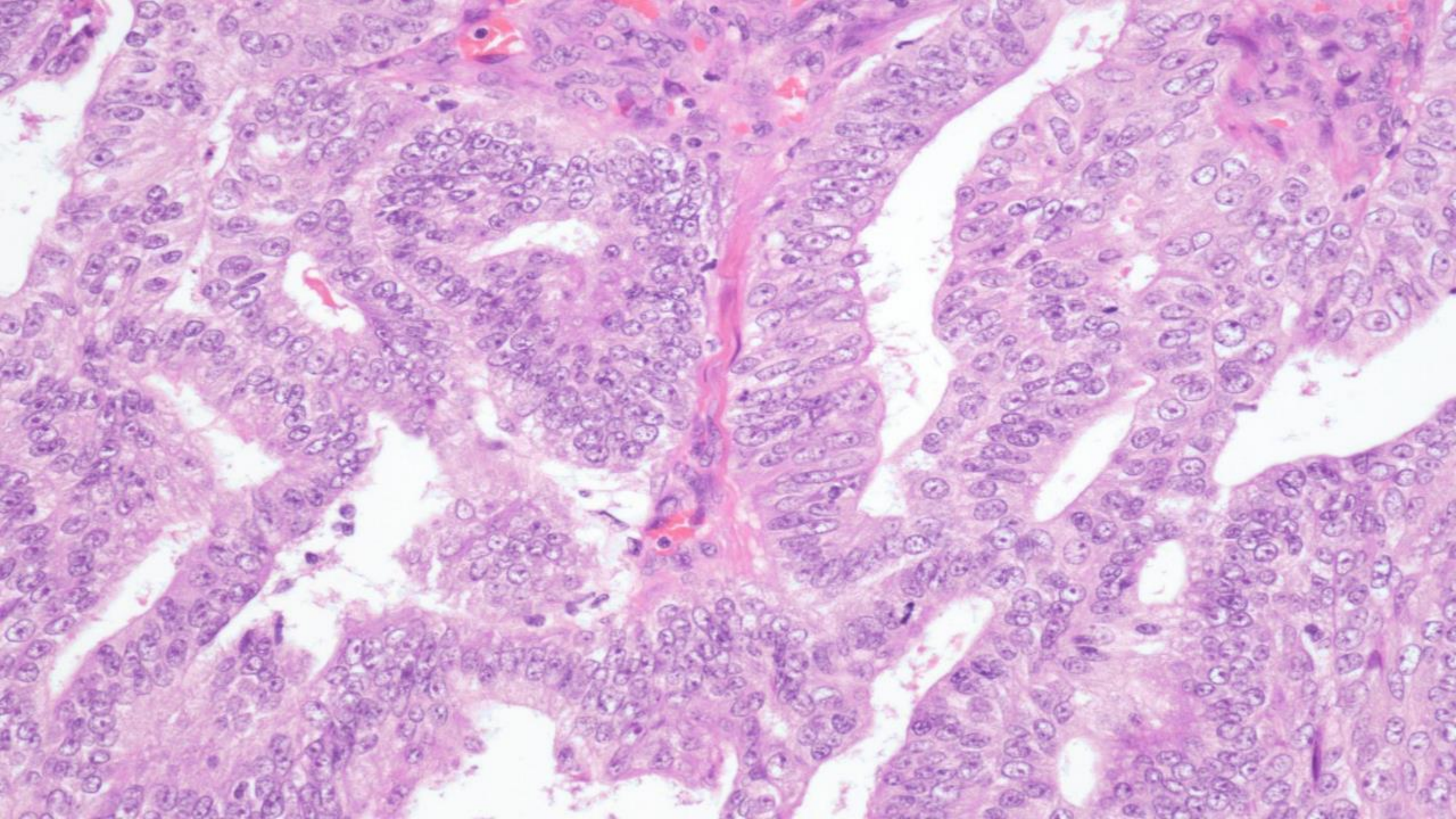


Subclonal expression pattern in Immunohistochemistry

- ▶ Indicates mixed classifiers (>10% of tumor cells with a second pattern of staining):
- ▶ POLE mutants with wild-type p53 and/or distinct abnormal p53.
- ▶ POLE mutants with distinct MMRd.
- ▶ MMRd with abnormal p53.









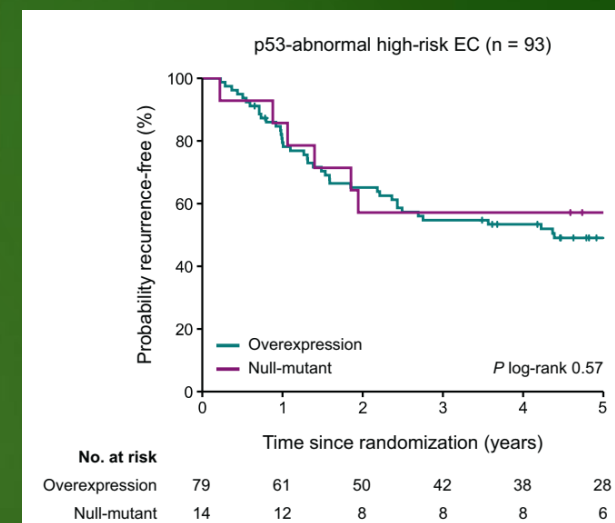
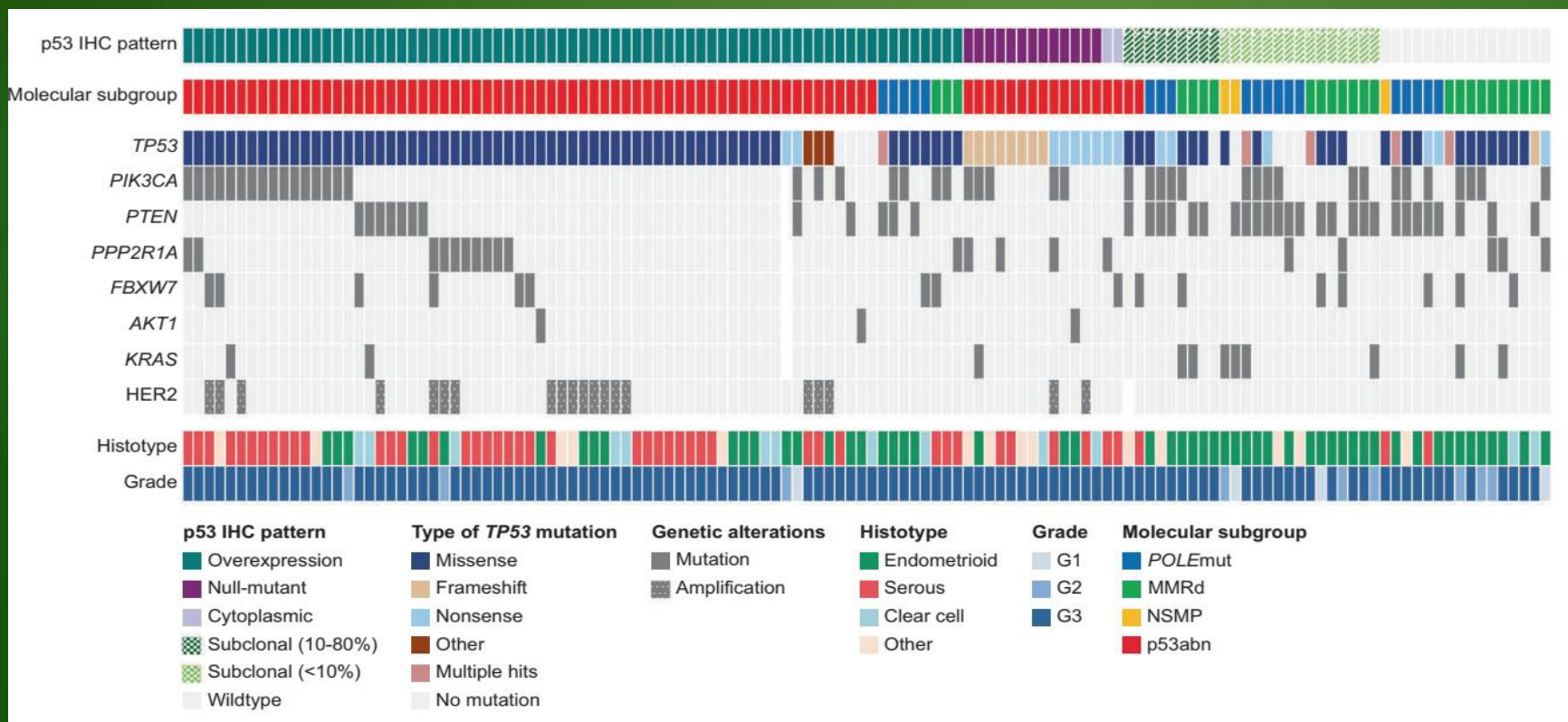
Low-grade Low-stage Endometrial Endometrioid Carcinoma

- ▶ FIGO low-grade, FIGO stage I disease is associated with >90% five-year survival.
- ▶ The risk-stratification models does not provide a completely accurate prognostication in some. Three to 6% patients developed recurrence at a median of 48 months.
- ▶ Important factors other than histotyping and grading: ***TP53***, ***CTNNB1***, **L1-CAM**, **1q gain**.



Factors associated with early recurrence in low-grade low-stage Endometrioid Ca: *TP53*

- ▶ In the literature, 2-15% of low-grade endometrioid carcinoma are p53abn.
- ▶ Regardless of histotype, patients with p53abn had poorer outcome (PORTEC-3 finding).



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Factors associated with early recurrence in low-grade low-stage Endometrioid Ca: *TP53*

- ▶ In 6% of cases in the PORTEC 1 and 2 trials (n=881), and >2500 cases from Canada cohort, low-grade stage I endometrioid Ca were abnormal by p53 immunostain.
- ▶ Interobserver agreement by expert Gyn pathologists on 'low-grade endometrioid carcinoma' was not perfect, has potential to exclude conducting of p53 immunostains (if not universally performed).

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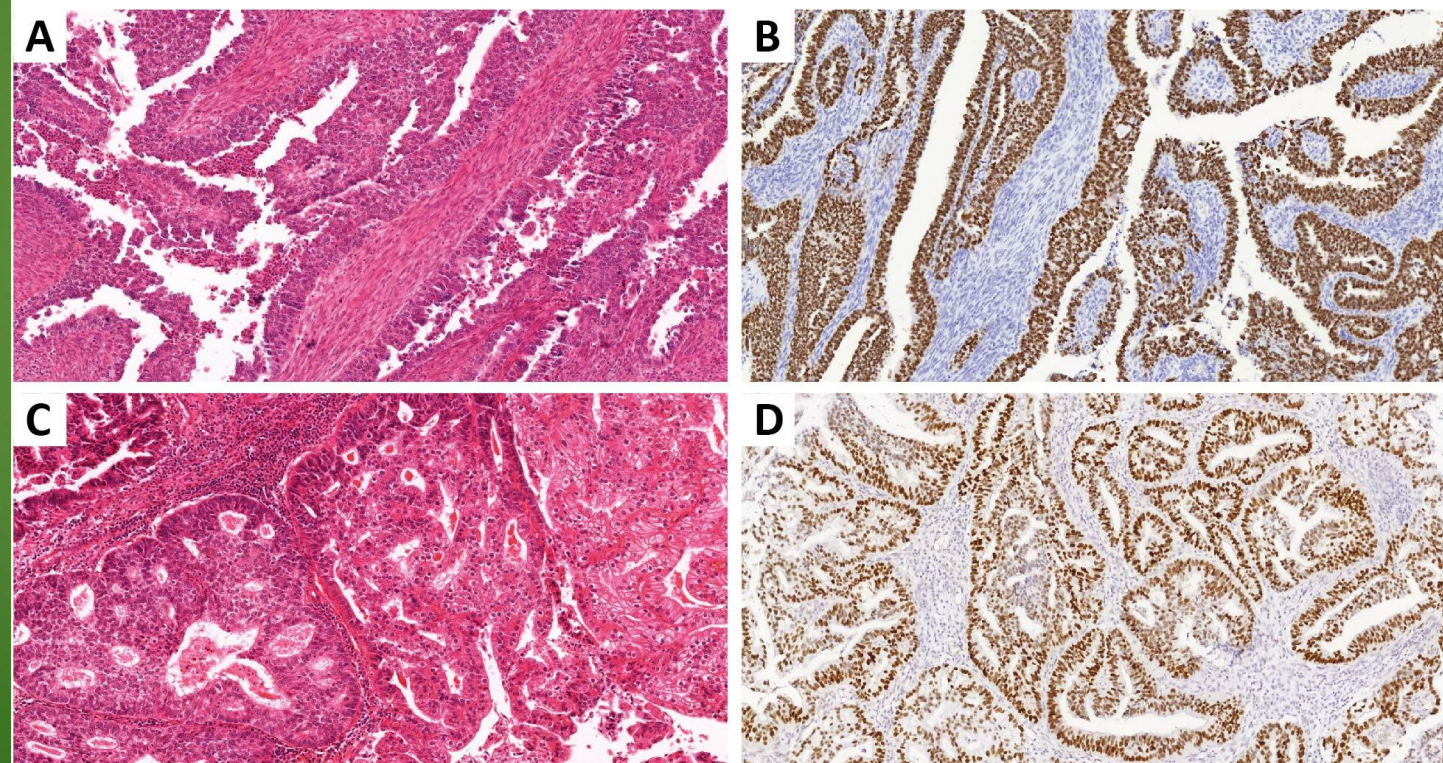
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Factors associated with early recurrence in low-grade low-stage Endometrioid Ca: *TP53*

- ▶ Recognition of abnormal p53 (and/or underlying *TP53* mutations) would enable classification into TCGA group 4 and option of adjuvant therapy.
- ▶ Rationale for prospective trial in PORTEC4a (observation, escalation to vaginal brachytherapy, or to external beam RT).

Figure 1. Representative H&E and p53 immunohistochemistry images of a case which none of the expert pathologists classified as low-grade endometrioid endometrial carcinoma (EEC) (A, B) and a case assigned as low-grade EEC by 5 out of 6 expert pathologists (C, D). All images taken at x10 magnification.

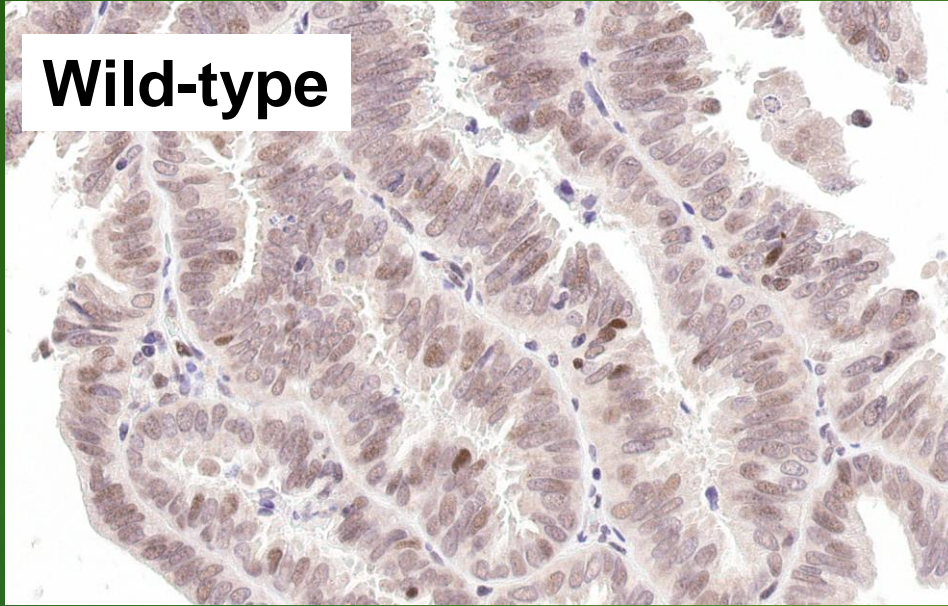


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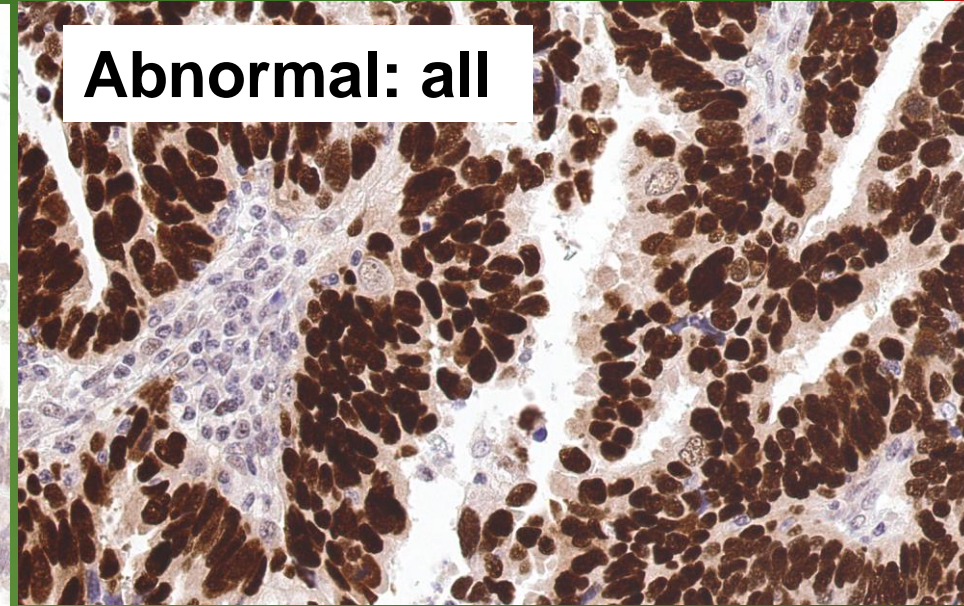


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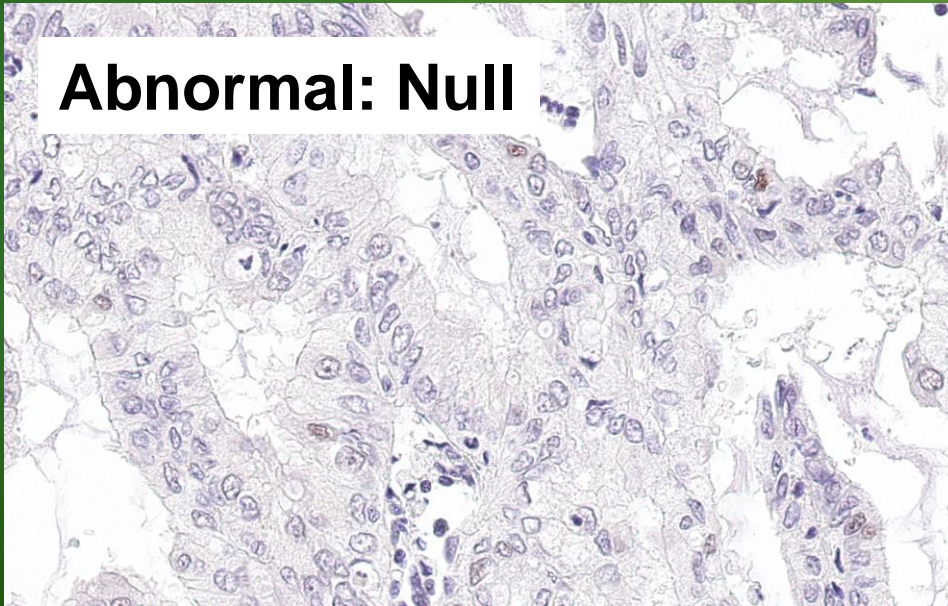
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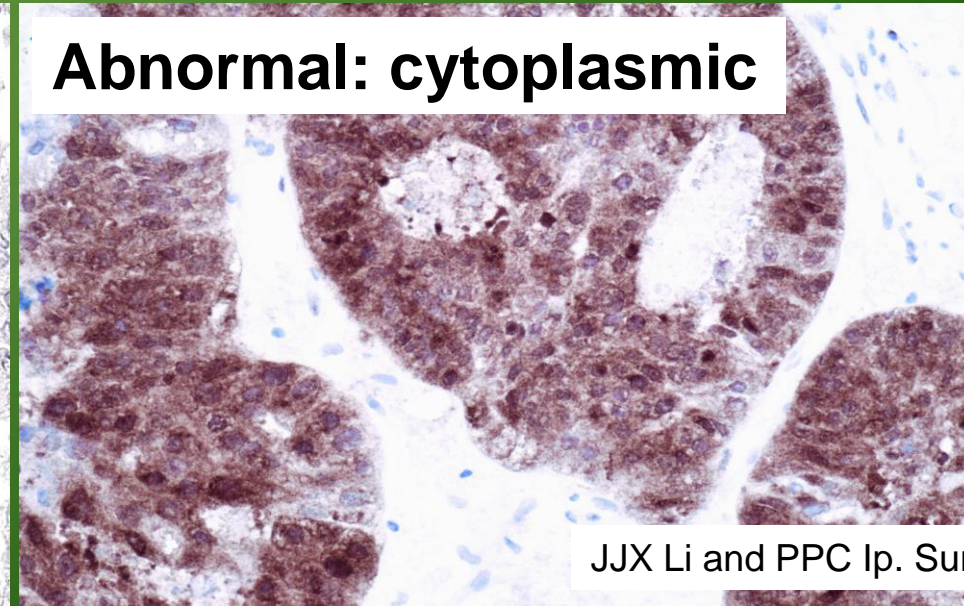
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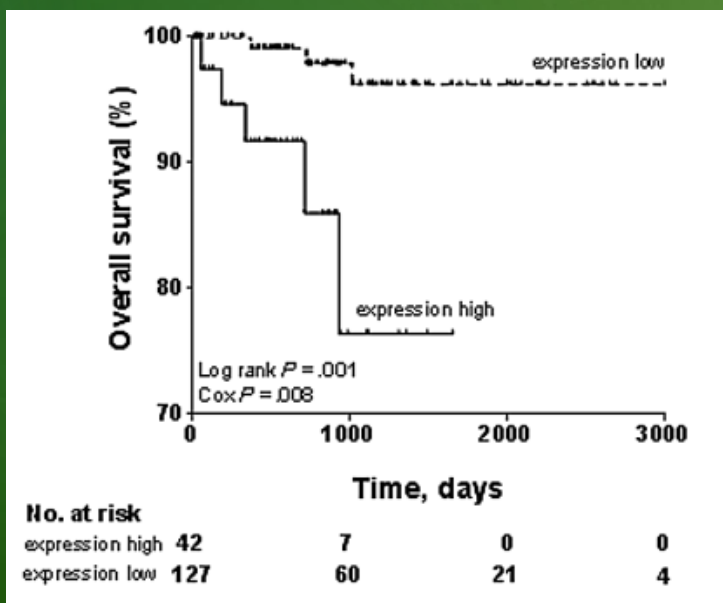
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**Never report p53 as positive or negative.
Communication unclear!**



Factors associated with early recurrence in low-grade low-stage Endometrioid Ca: *CTNNB1*

- ▶ Mutations in the Wnt pathway, including *CTNNB1*, have been found to be associated with carcinogenesis in different cancer types.
- ▶ *CTNNB1* exon 3 mutations enriched in TCGA endometrial carcinoma, NSMP, has been shown to associate with worse overall survival.



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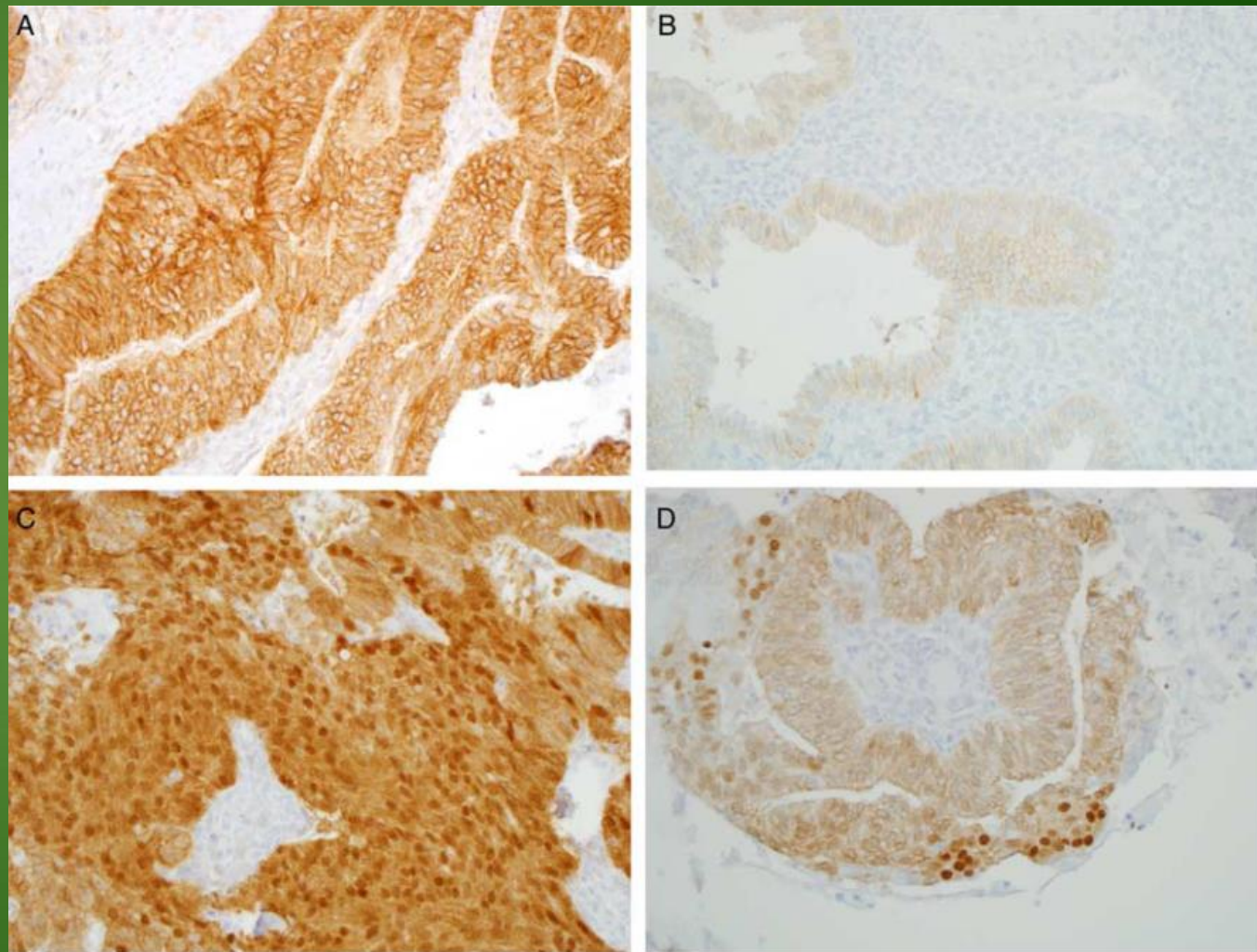
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β -catenin immunohistochemistry as a surrogate marker for *CTNNB1* mutation

| | Sensitivity | Specificity | PPV | NPV |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----|-----|
| Any <i>CTNNB1</i> | 82% | 90% | 89% | 84% |
| <i>CTNNB1</i> exon 3 | 91% | 89% | 86% | 93% |

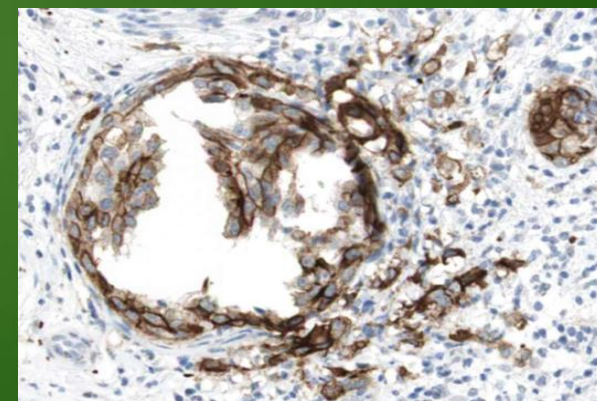
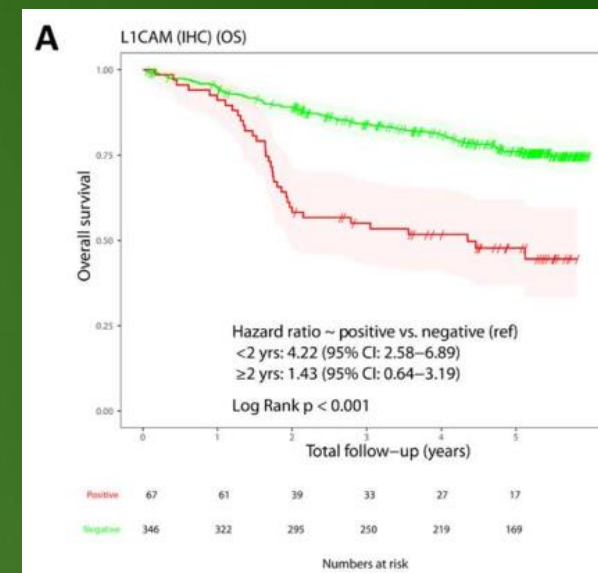
- ▶ Nuclear β -catenin was significantly associated with underlying *CTNNB1* mutation ($p < 0.0001$).
- ▶ Criteria for positive staining not well-established (positive staining can range from 5 – 60%).





Factors associated with early recurrence in low-grade low-stage Endometrioid Ca: **L1CAM**

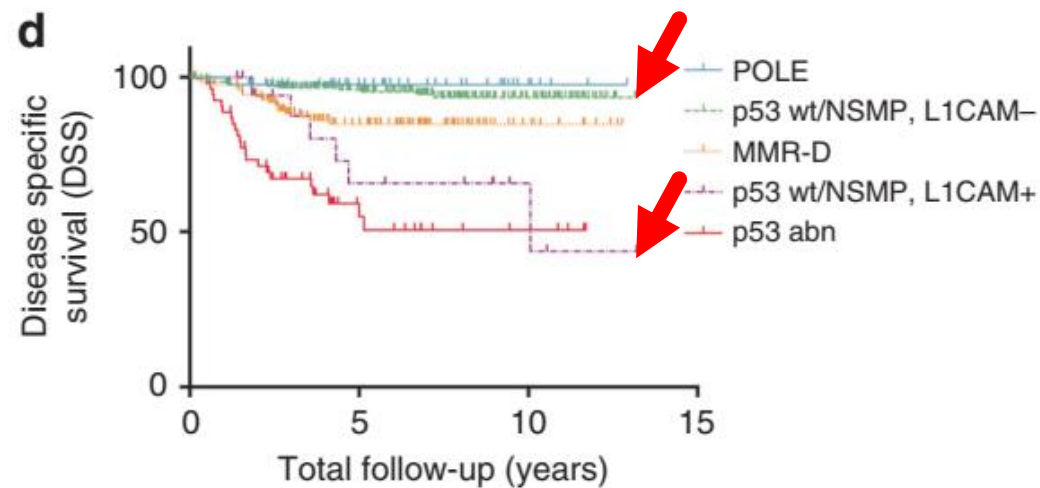
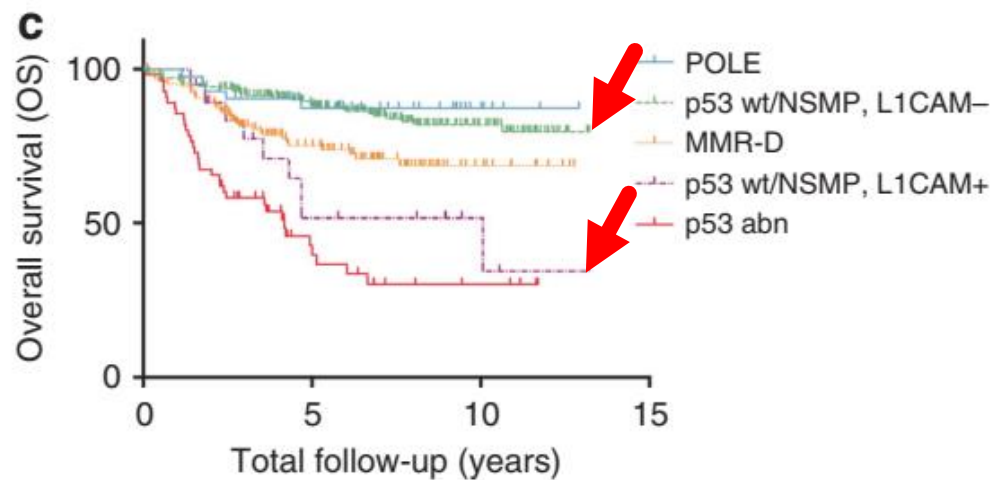
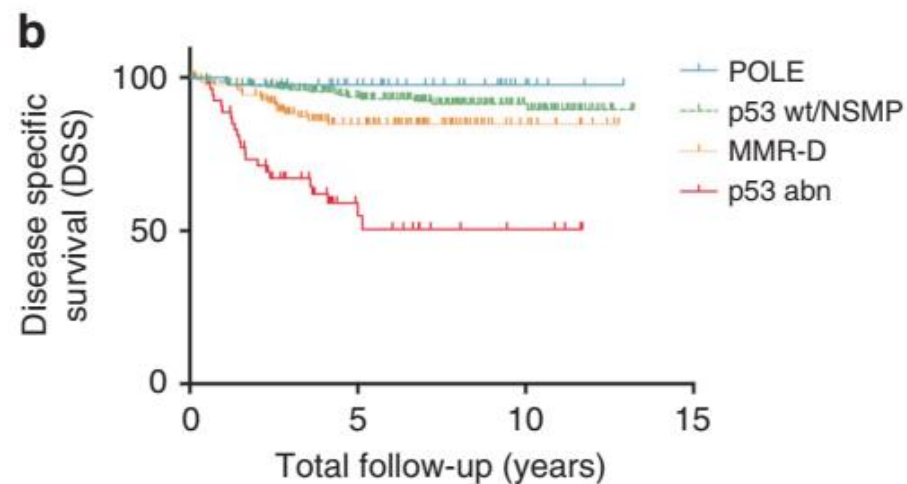
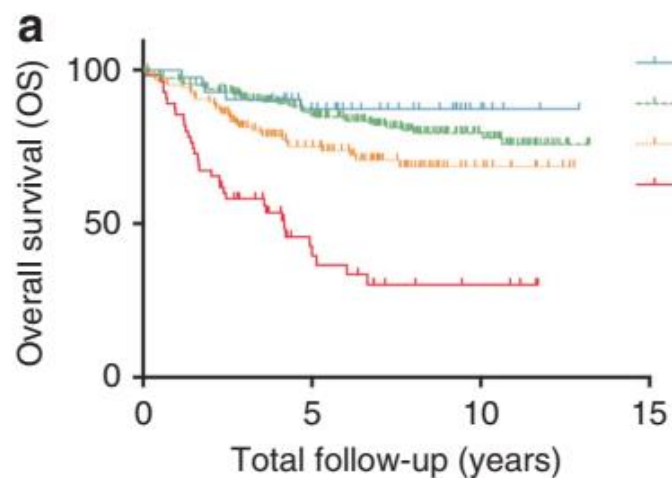
- ▶ **L1CAM** (L1-cell adhesion molecule): transmembrane protein of the immunoglobulin family, expression associated with an aggressive behavior. In endometrial Ca activates Wnt signalling and epithelial–mesenchymal transition (EMT).
- ▶ L1CAM overexpression (>10%) associated with older age, lower body mass index (BMI), advanced stage, grade 3, and non-endometrioid histology. ?attributed to tumors with *TP53* mutations.






L1CAM further stratifies endometrial carcinoma patients with no specific molecular risk profile

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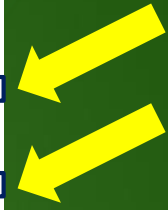
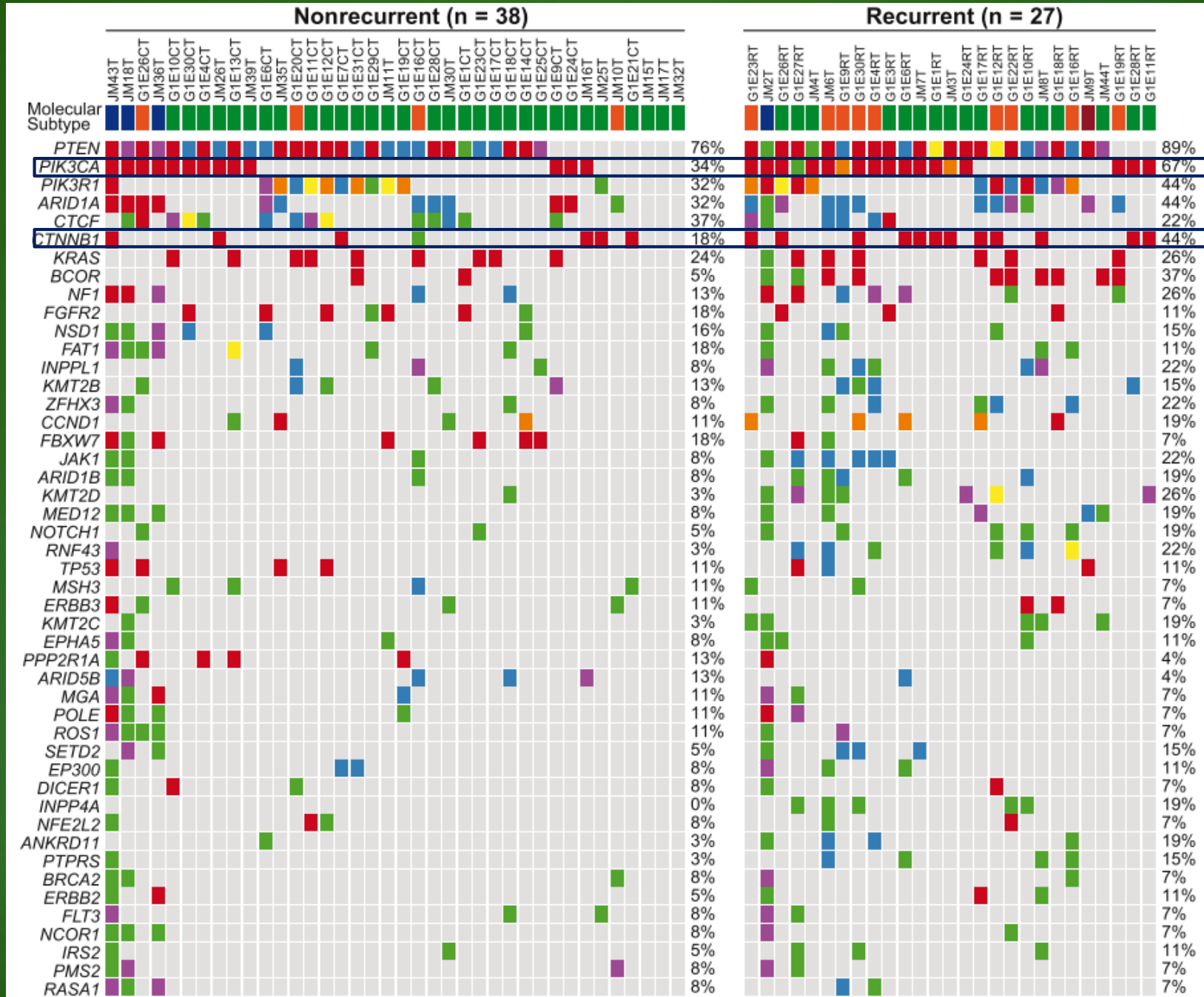




Genomic Determinants of Early Recurrences in Low-Stage, Low-Grade Endometrioid Endometrial Carcinoma

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- ▶ FIGO grade 1, FIGO stage IA/B endometrioid Ca.
- ▶ No lymphovascular space invasion.
- ▶ No postoperative adjuvant therapy.
- ▶ Developed biopsy-proven recurrence ≥ 36 months.
- ▶ 65 cases – whole exome sequencing.



Copy number alteration type

- Blue square: Homozygous deletion
- Light blue square: Loss
- Orange square: Gain
- Red square: Amplification

Mutation type

- Red square: Hotspot mutation
- Purple square: Truncating SNV
- Green square: Frame-shift indel
- Light green square: Missense SNV
- Yellow square: In-frame indel
- Orange square: Splice site mutation
- Brown square: Start or stop codon change



Factors associated with early recurrence in low-grade low-stage Endometrioid Ca

| Univariate analysis | P-value |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Age | <0.001 |
| BMI | <0.001 |
| Positive/negative peritoneal cytology | 0.032 |
| ProMisE subtyping | 0.043 |
| <i>PIK3CA</i> | 0.02 |
| <i>CTNNB1</i> hotspot | 0.046 |
| Chromosome 1q gain | 0.002 |



Factors associated with early recurrence in low-grade low-stage Endometrioid Ca

| Multivariate analysis | P-value |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Age | 0.2 |
| BMI | 0.6 |
| Positive/negative peritoneal cytology | - |
| ProMisE subtyping (MMRd) | 0.02 |
| PIK3CA | 0.01 |
| CTNNB1 hotspot | 0.14 |
| Chromosome 1q gain | 0.02 |

- ▶ Validated in an independent set of 32 FIGO grade 1, stage 1 EEC from TCGA
- ▶ The only factor associated with recurrence is **chromosome 1q gain**.



Factors associated with early recurrence in low-grade low-stage Endometrioid Ca: *1q gain*

- ▶ Chromosome 1q gains have been associated with adverse outcomes in multiple tumor types (e.g. pediatric brain tumors, multiple myeloma) and in female reproductive tract, mesonephric and mesonephric-like carcinomas.
- ▶ In endometrial carcinoma, 1q32.1 amplification and/or 1q high-level gain has been identified as a marker of poor clinical outcome.

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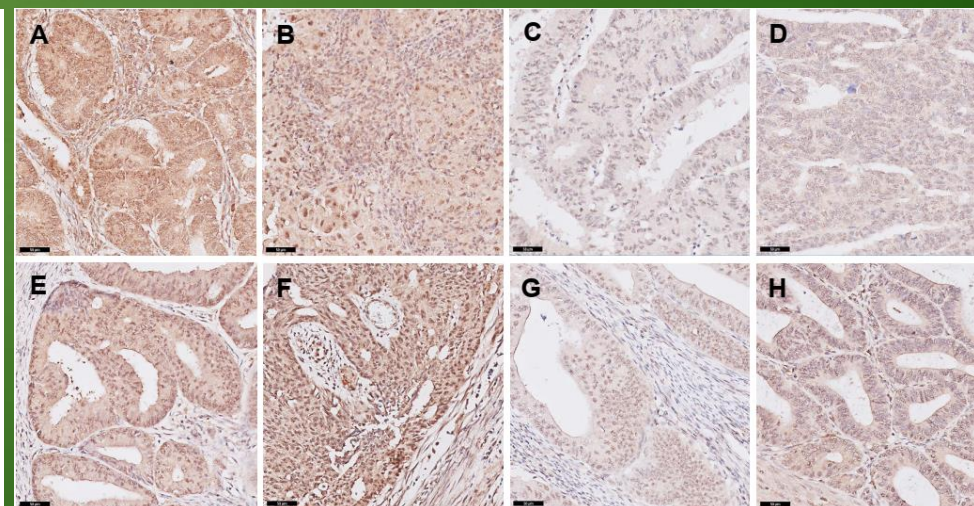
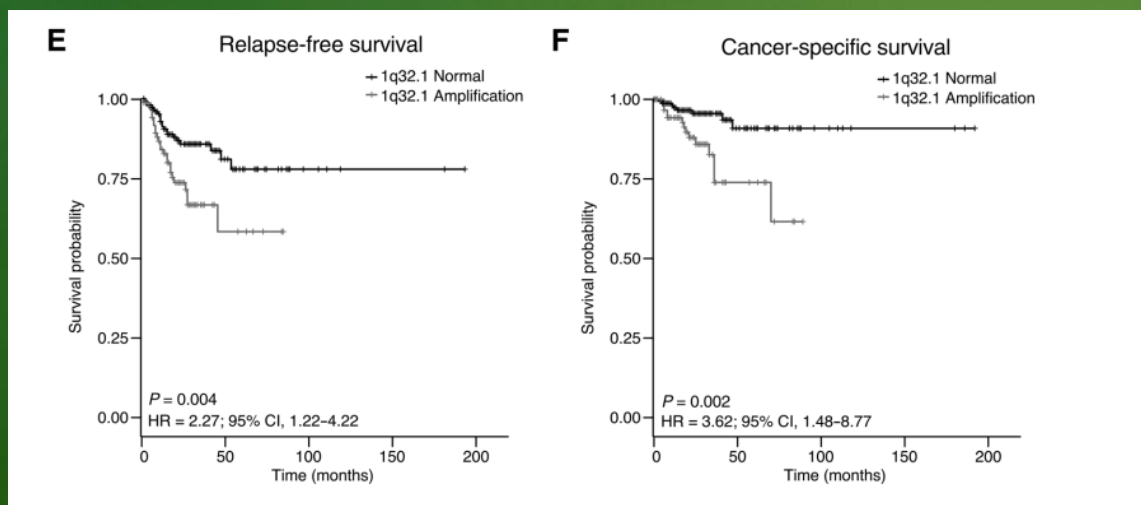


Amplification of 1q32.1 Refines the Molecular Classification of Endometrial Carcinoma

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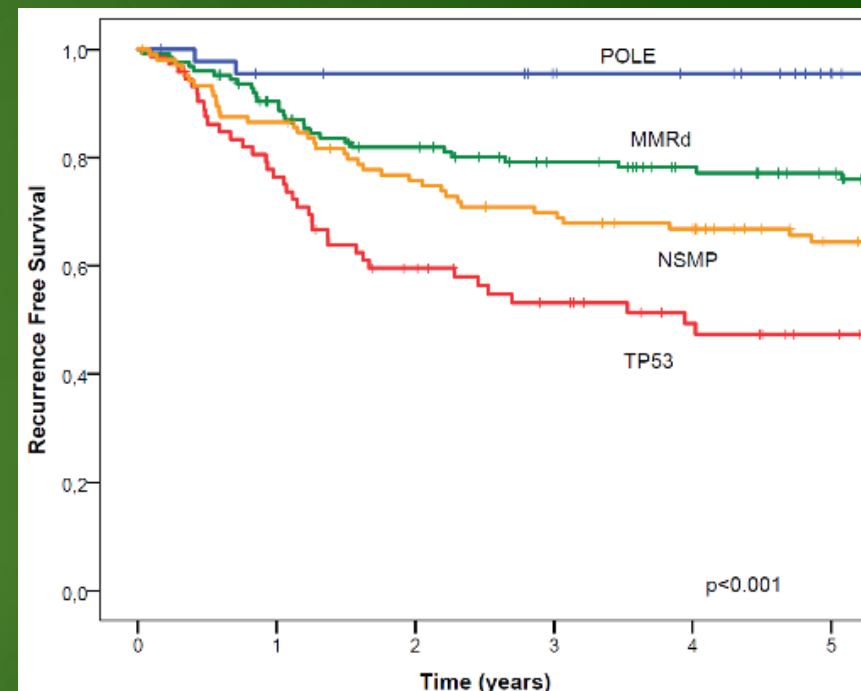
- ▶ Analysis of somatic copy number alterations in 141 cases (Belgium and Spain).
- ▶ Validated with 973 TCGA data PORTEC-1 and PORTEC-2 trials.
- ▶ Chromosome 1q32.1 gain drives *MDM4* (\uparrow mRNA).





Endometrial Ca, No Specific Molecular Profile (NSMP)

- ▶ Diagnosis by exclusion.
- ▶ Most common type of endometrial cancers among all 4 subgroups, and most commonly in our daily practice.
- ▶ Molecular heterogeneity, clinically, and histologically diverse. But current treatment is largely based on traditional clinicopathologic parameters.

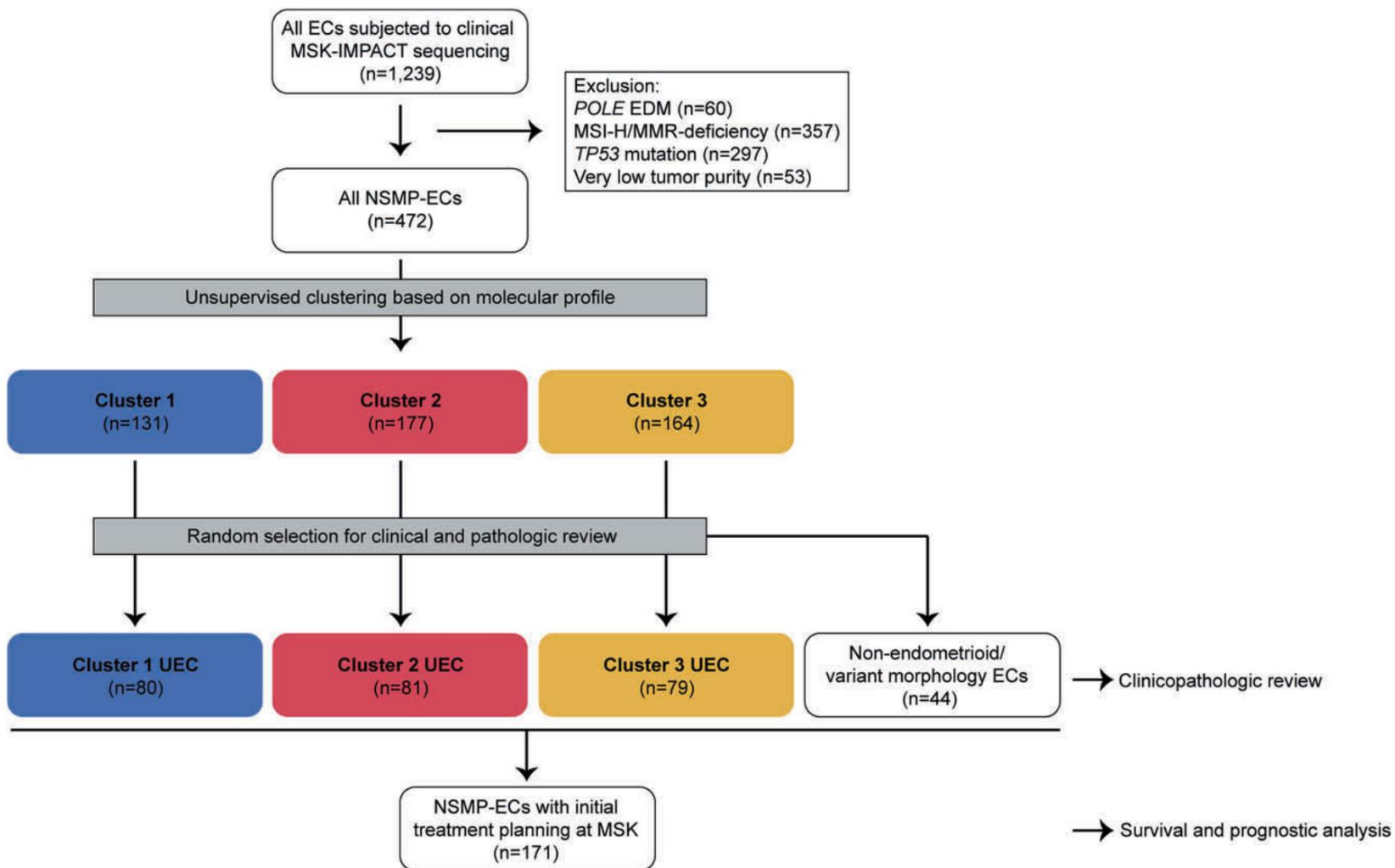


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Genomic landscape of endometrial carcinomas of no specific molecular profile

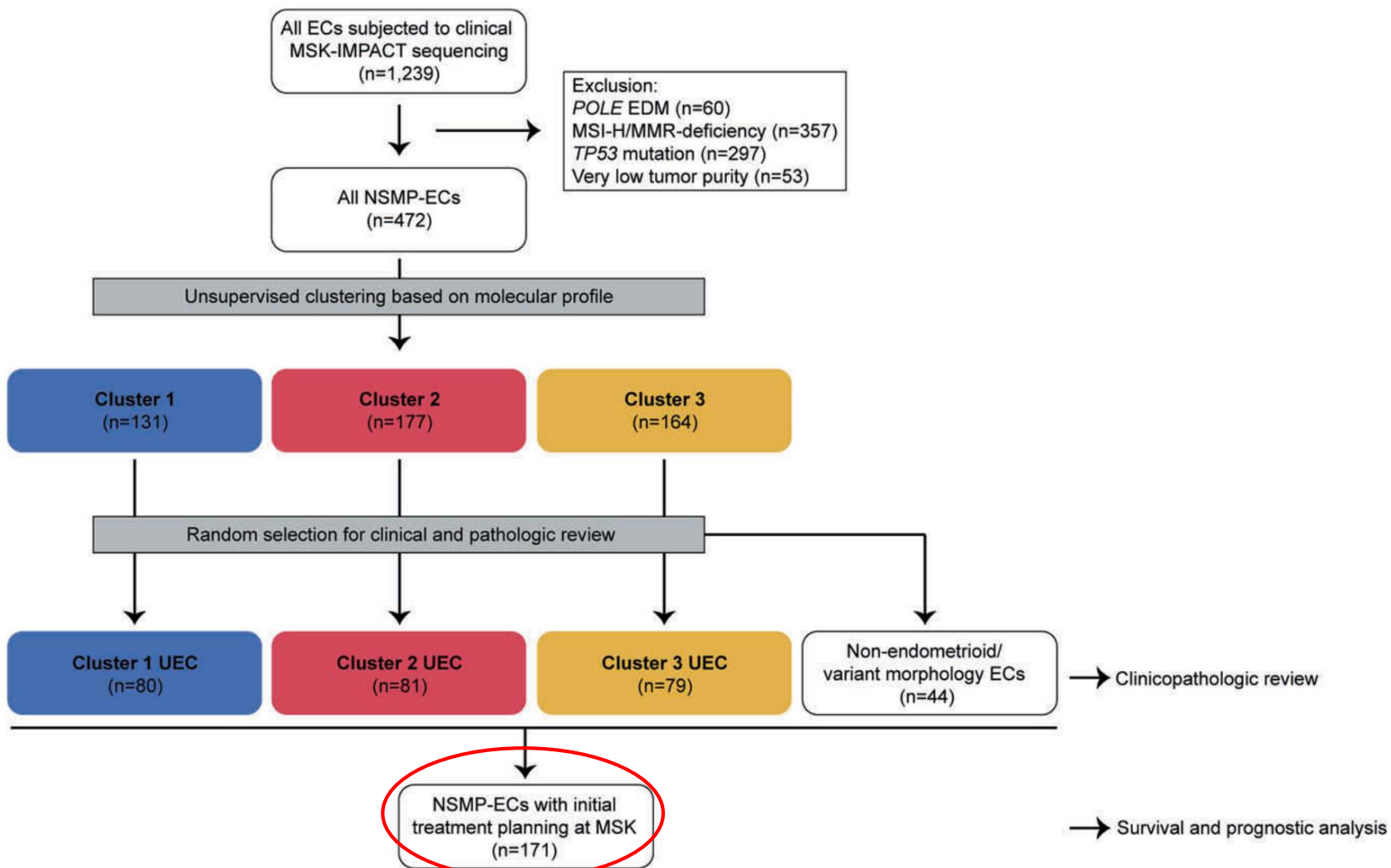
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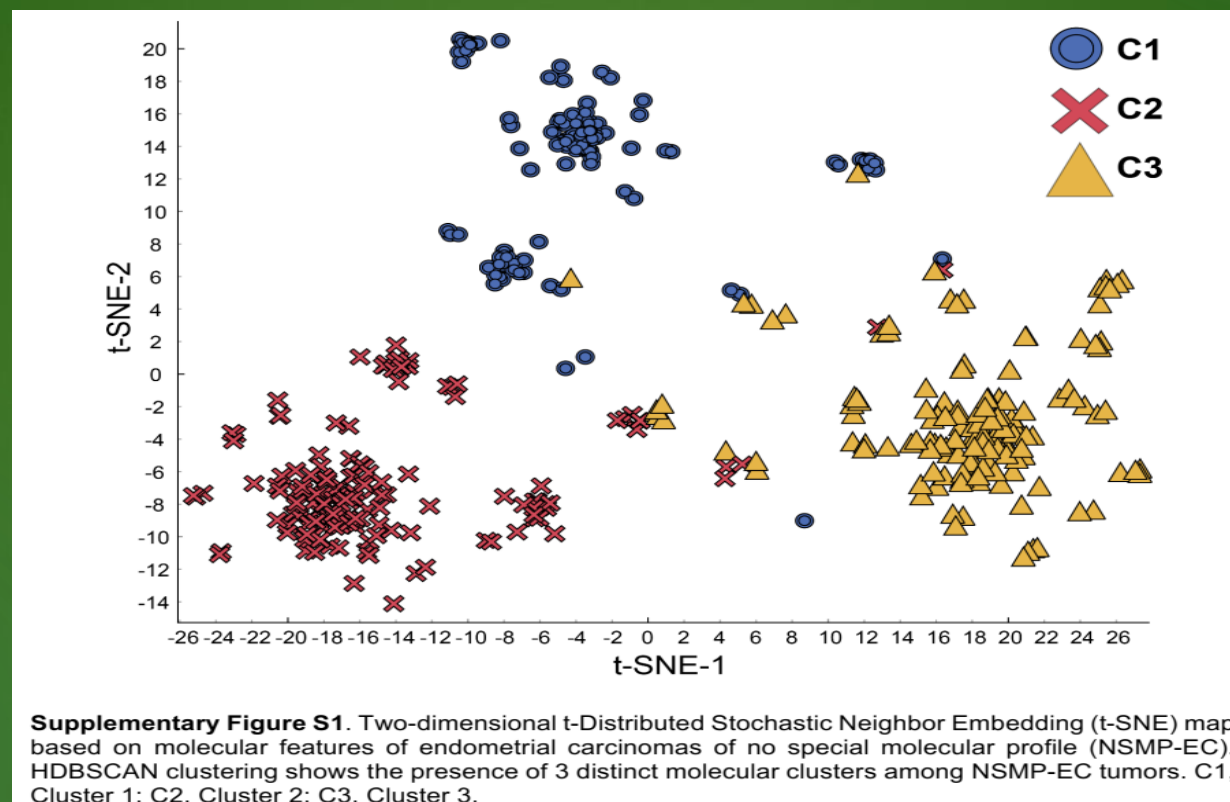
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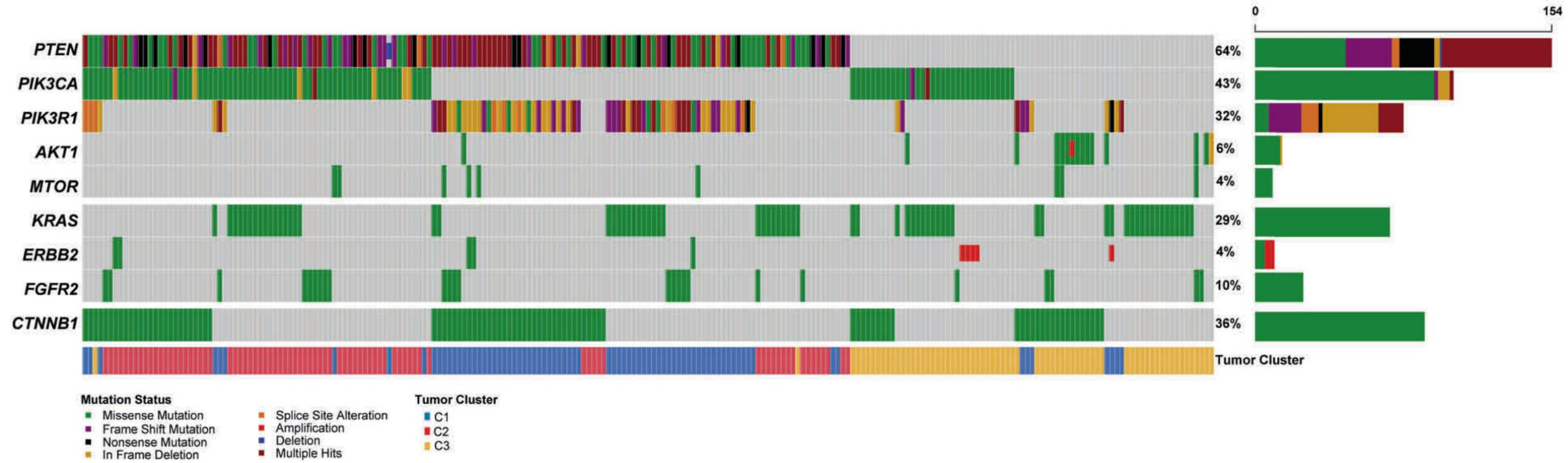




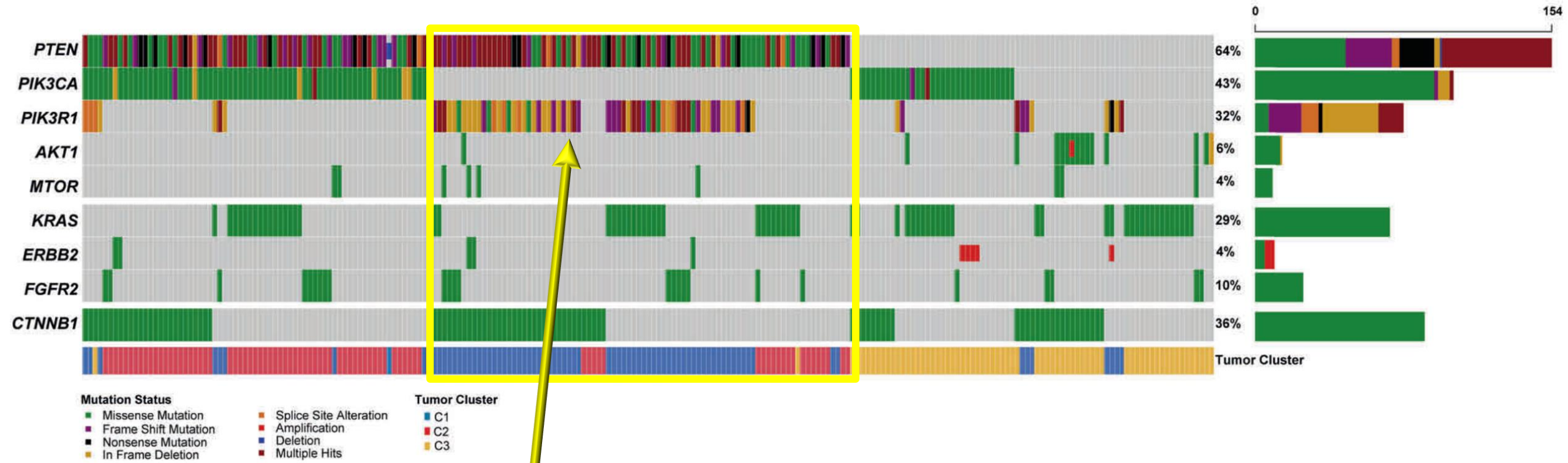
Endometrial Ca, NSMP: Endometrioid Ca



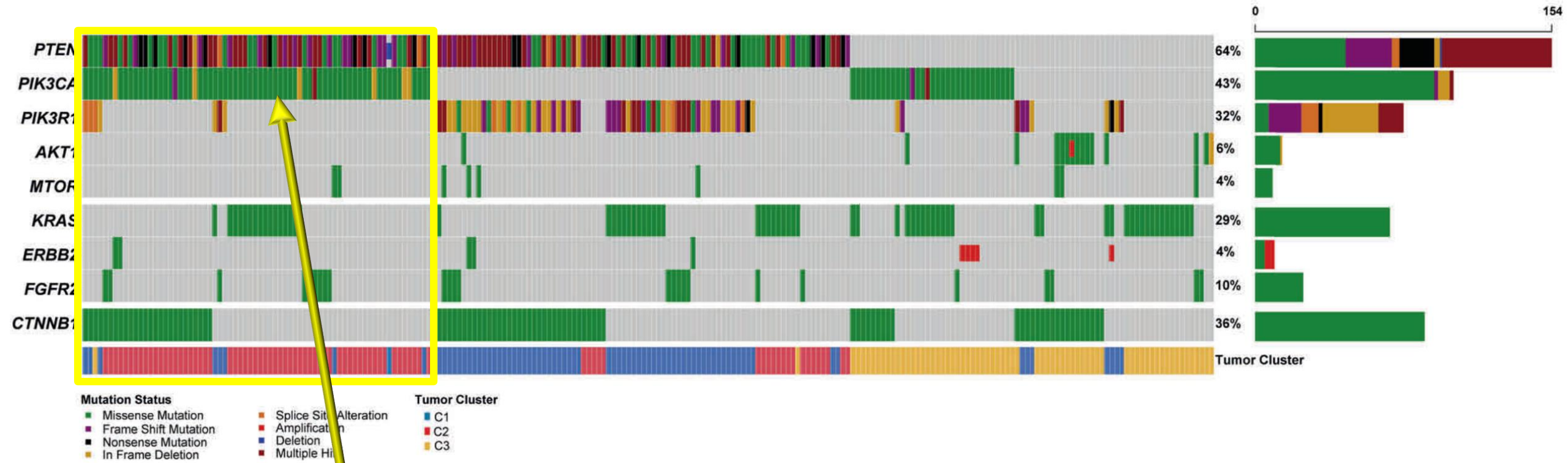
- ▶ Tumor mutational burden (median # somatic mutations) **C1** > C2 > C3
- ▶ Fraction of gene alterations (chromosomal instability) **C3** > C1, C2
- ▶ CNA: Chromosome 1q gains: **C3** > C1 > C2



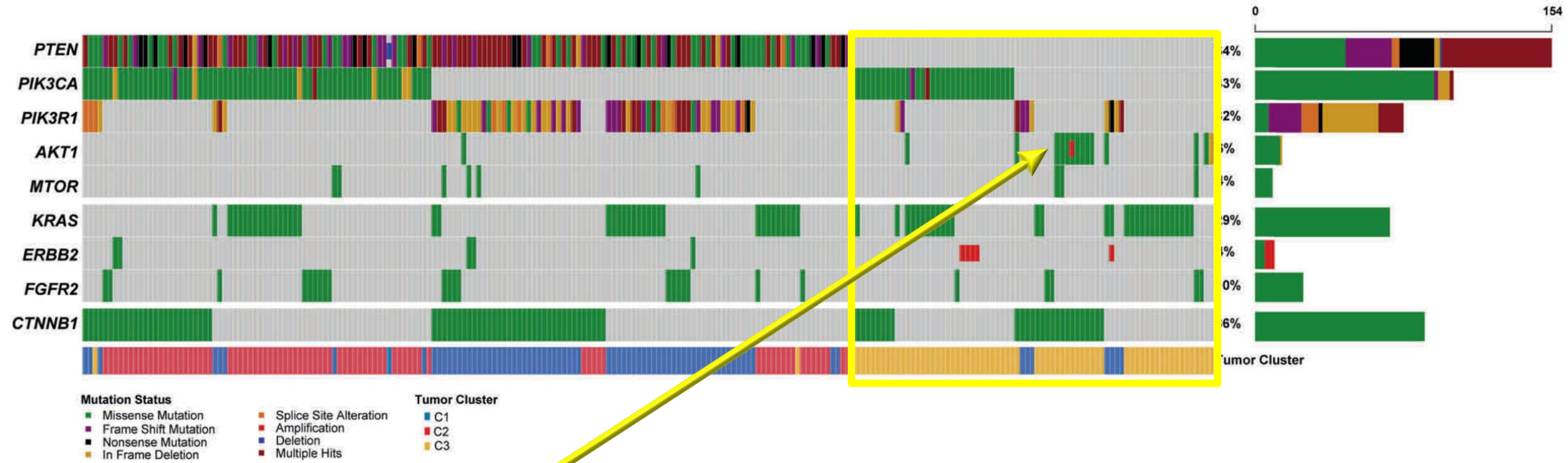
- ▶ Cluster 1
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- ▶ Cluster 3



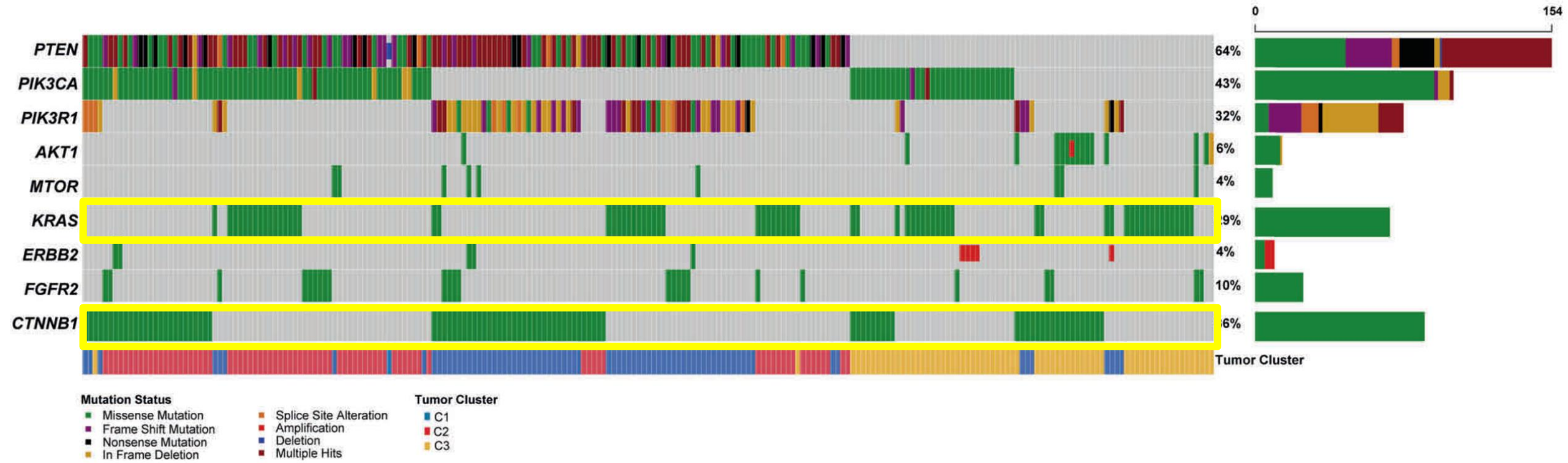
- ▶ Cluster 1 *PTEN* and *PIK3R1*
- ▶ Cluster 2
- ▶ Cluster 3



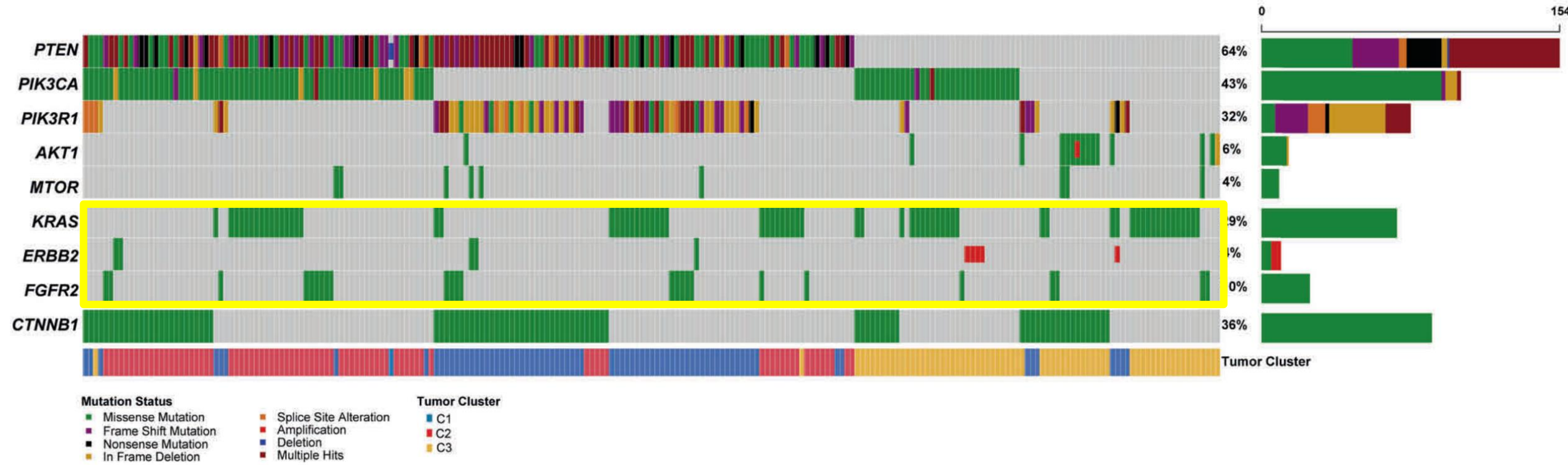
- ▶ Cluster 1 *PTEN* and *PIK3R1*
- ▶ Cluster 2 *PTEN* and *PIK3CA*
- ▶ Cluster 3



- ▶ Cluster 1 *PTEN* and *PIK3R1*
- ▶ Cluster 2 *PTEN* and *PIK3CA*
- ▶ Cluster 3 *AKT1* (hotspot E17K)



► *KRAS* and *CTNNB1* alterations are mutually exclusive.

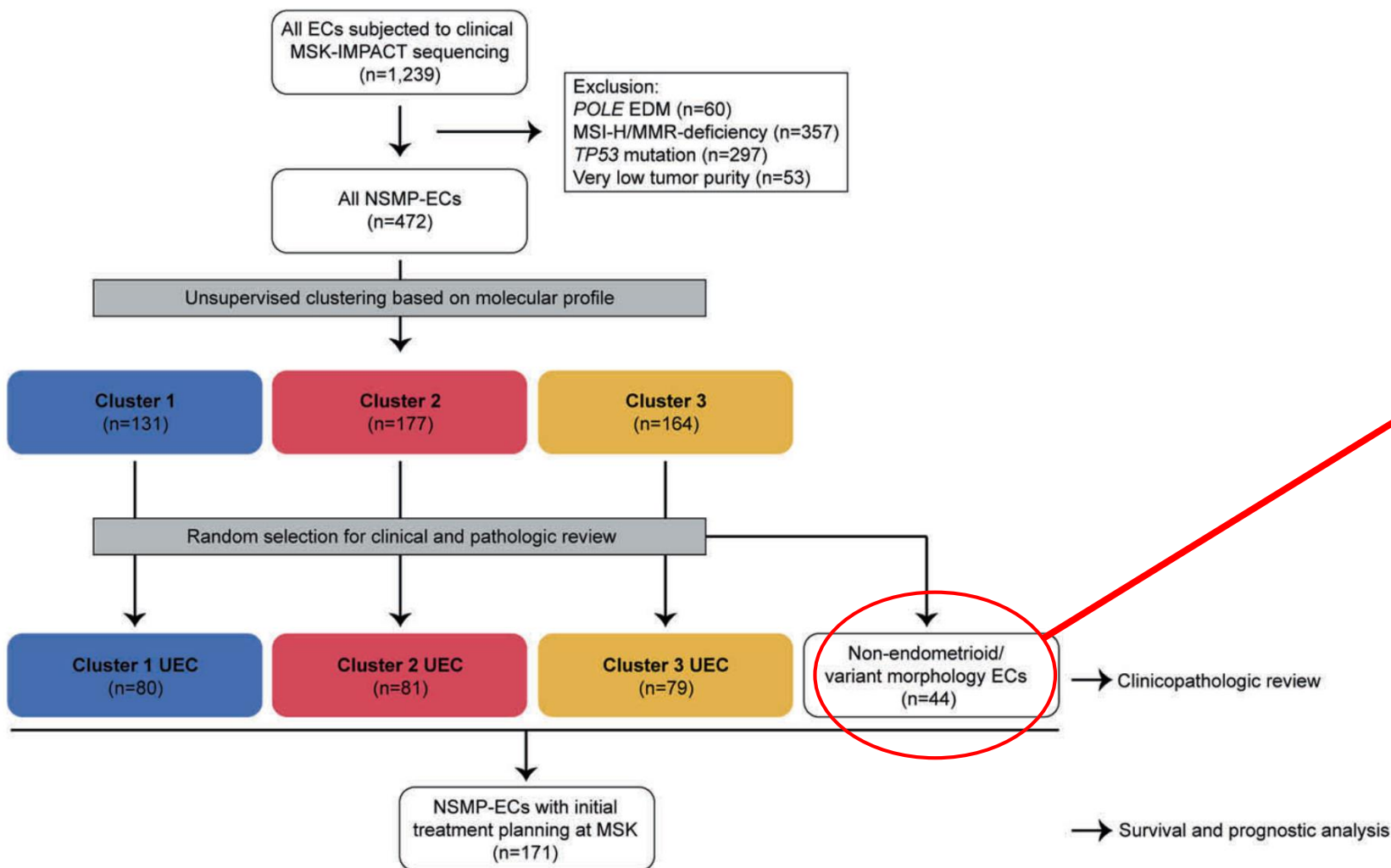


► *KRAS*, *ERBB2*, and *FGFR2* alterations are mutually exclusive.



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Non-endometrioid:

Clear cell

Mesonephric-like

CS

Serous

Endometrioid-variants:

EC, ambiguous

CHEC

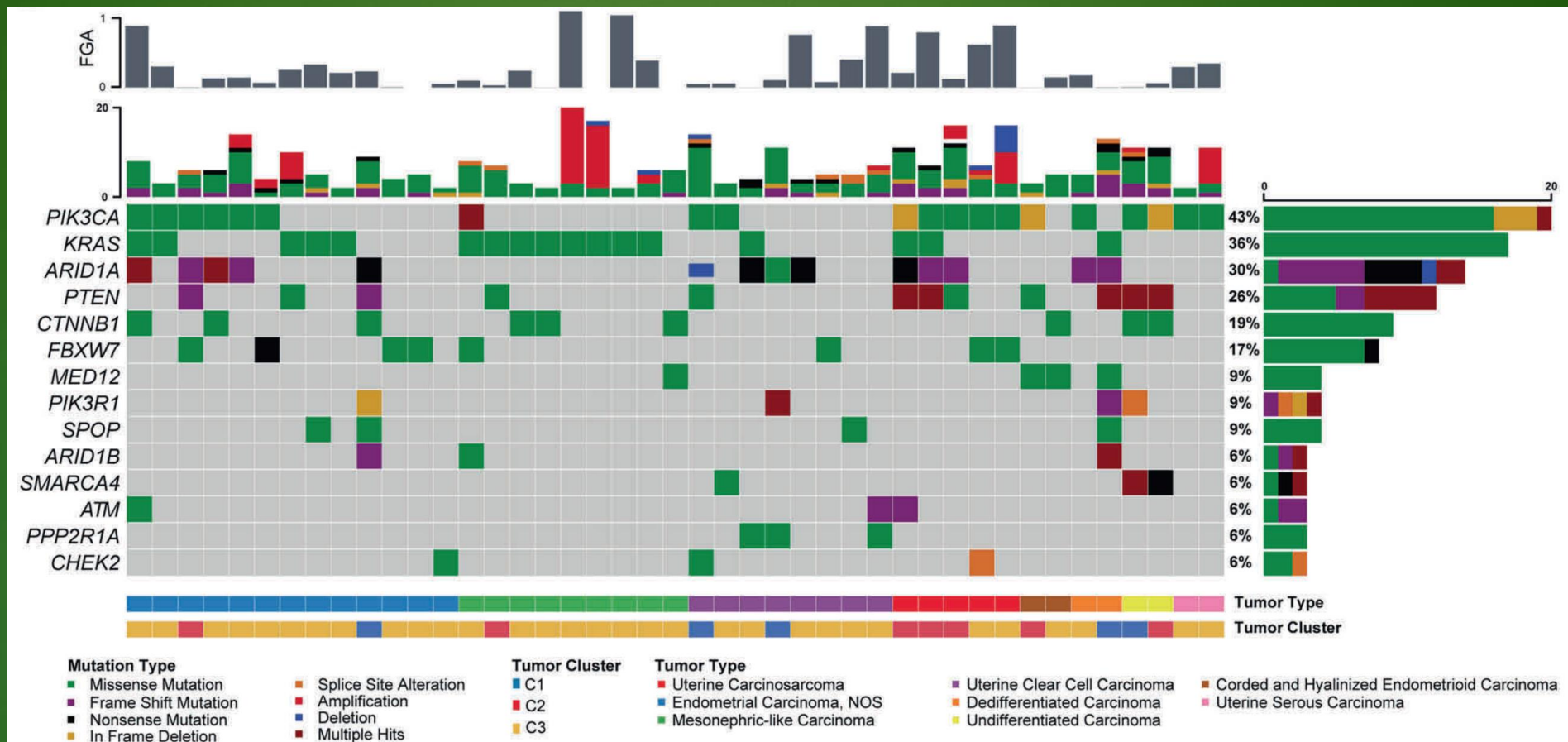


Endometrial Ca, NSMP: Non-Endometrioid, variant endometrioid Ca

- ▶ 44 cases:
- ▶ High-grade endometrioid Ca with ambiguous morphology (9.7%)
- ▶ Clear cell Ca (4.9%)
- ▶ Mesonephric-like Ca (2.5%)
- ▶ Carcinosarcoma (1.9%)
- ▶ Uterine serous Ca (1.3%)
- ▶ Corded and hyalinized endometrioid Ca (0.8%)
- ▶ Dedifferentiated Ca (0.6%)
- ▶ Undifferentiated Ca (0.4%)



Endometrial Ca, NSMP: Non-Endometrioid, variant endometrioid Ca



- ▶ 72.7% (n =32) clustered into C3; 15.9% (n=7) clustered into C2; 11.4% (n=5) clustered into C1.
- ▶ Cluster 3 *PIK3CA*, *KRAS* single hit mutations



Endometrial Ca, NSMP

- ▶ Three distinct molecular clusters

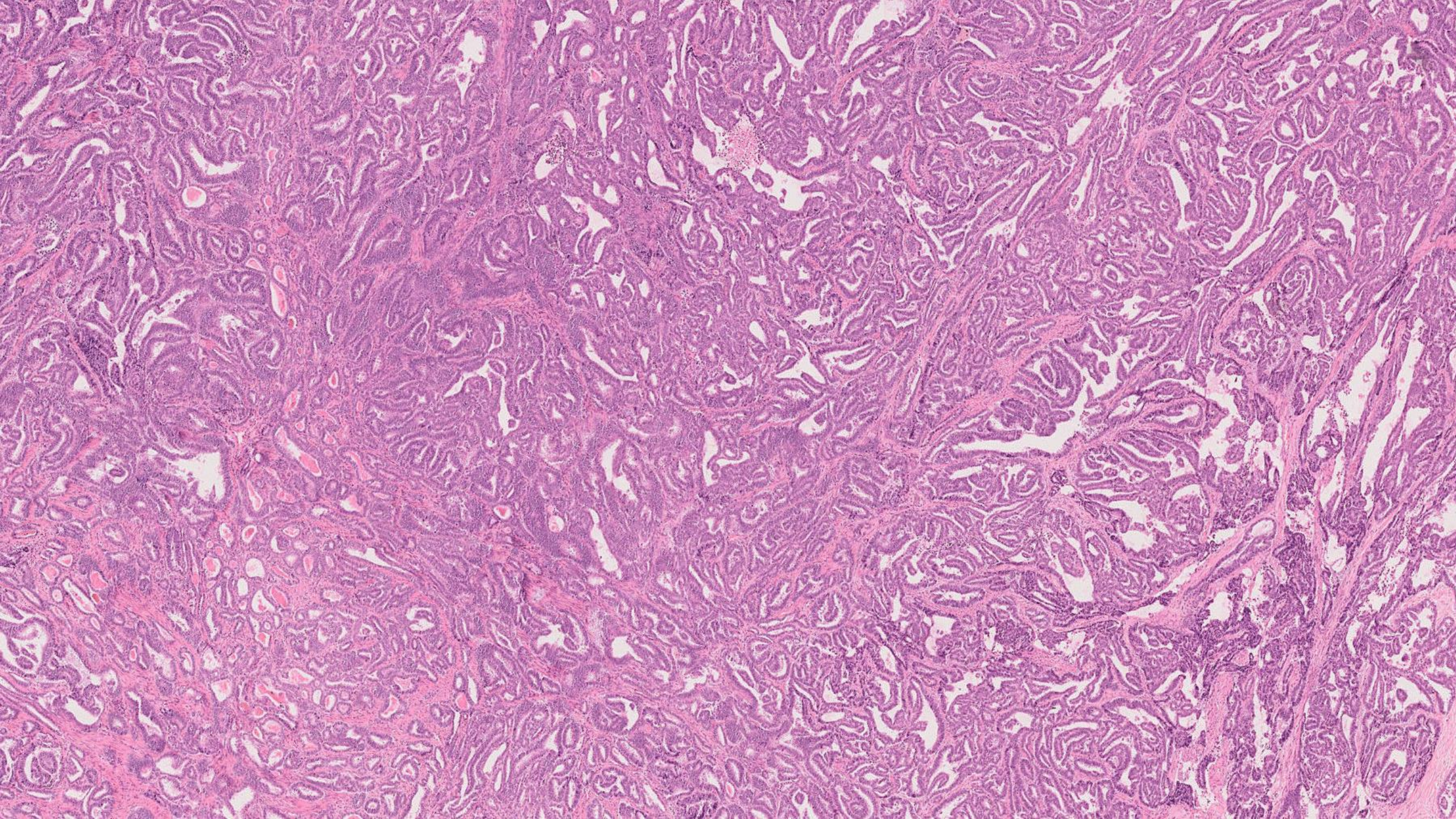
- ▶ C1 and C2:

Driven by activating mutations of PI3K pathway, *PTEN* mutations followed by truncating alterations of *PIK3R1* (in C1) or *PIK3CA* (in C2).

- ▶ C3:

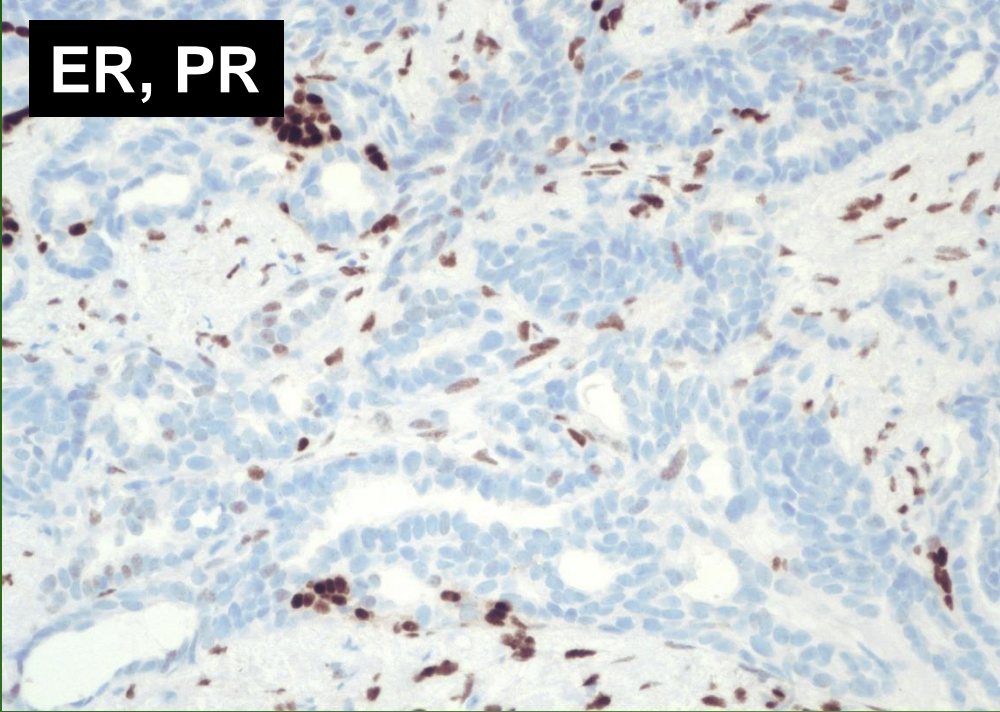
Single hits in *PIK3CA*, *AKT1*, *KRAS*.

FIGO 3, ER/PR –ve/weak, stage III/IV, LVSI.

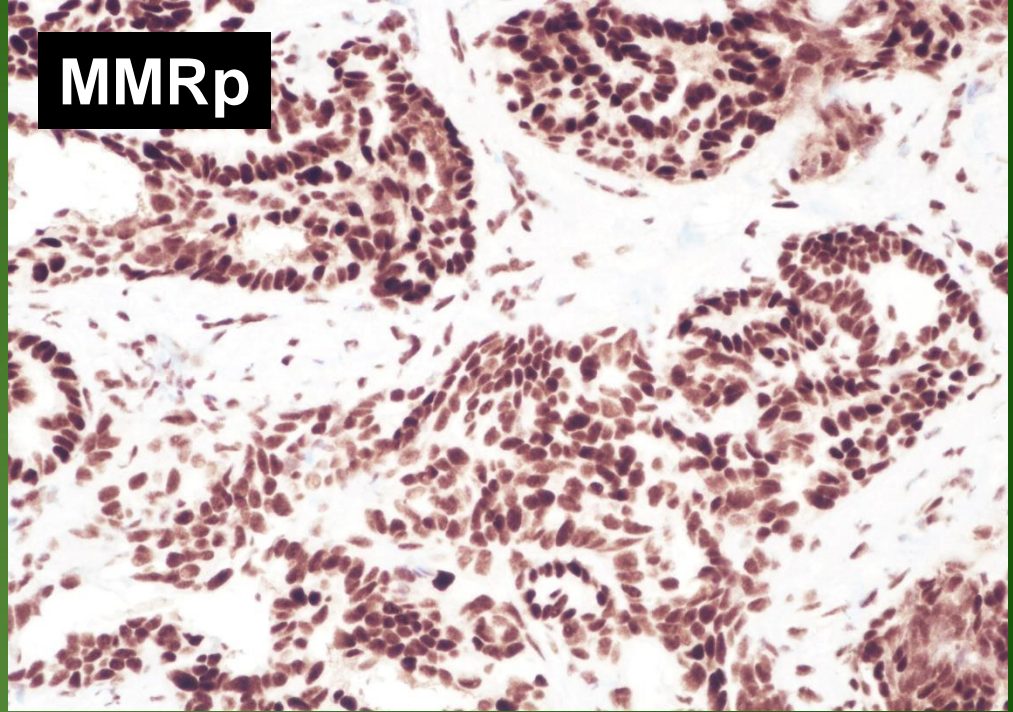




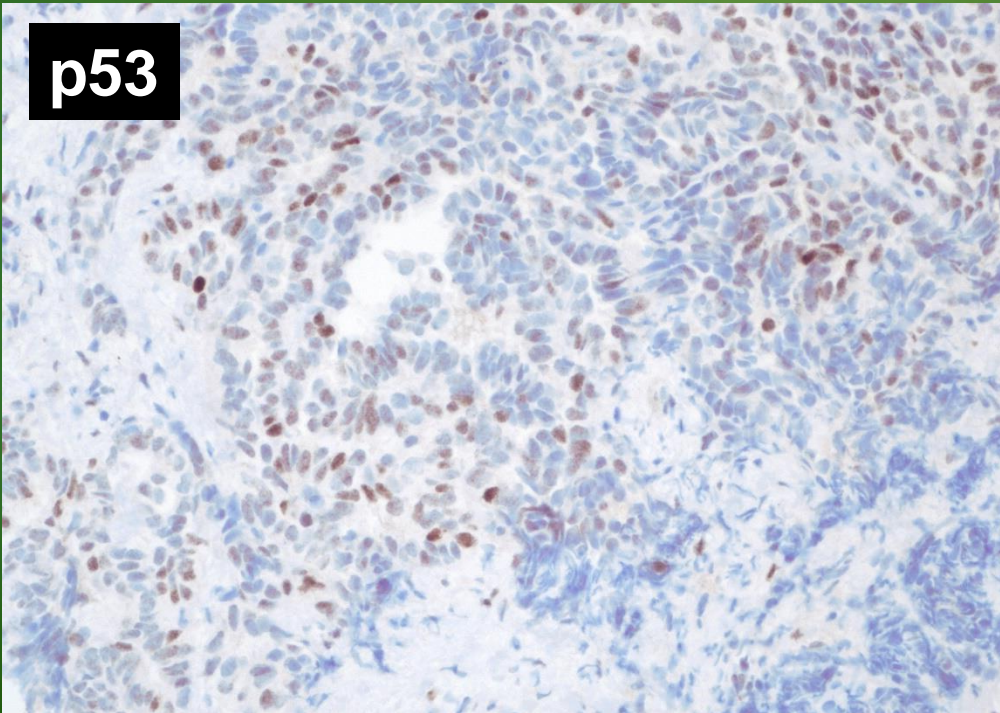
ER, PR



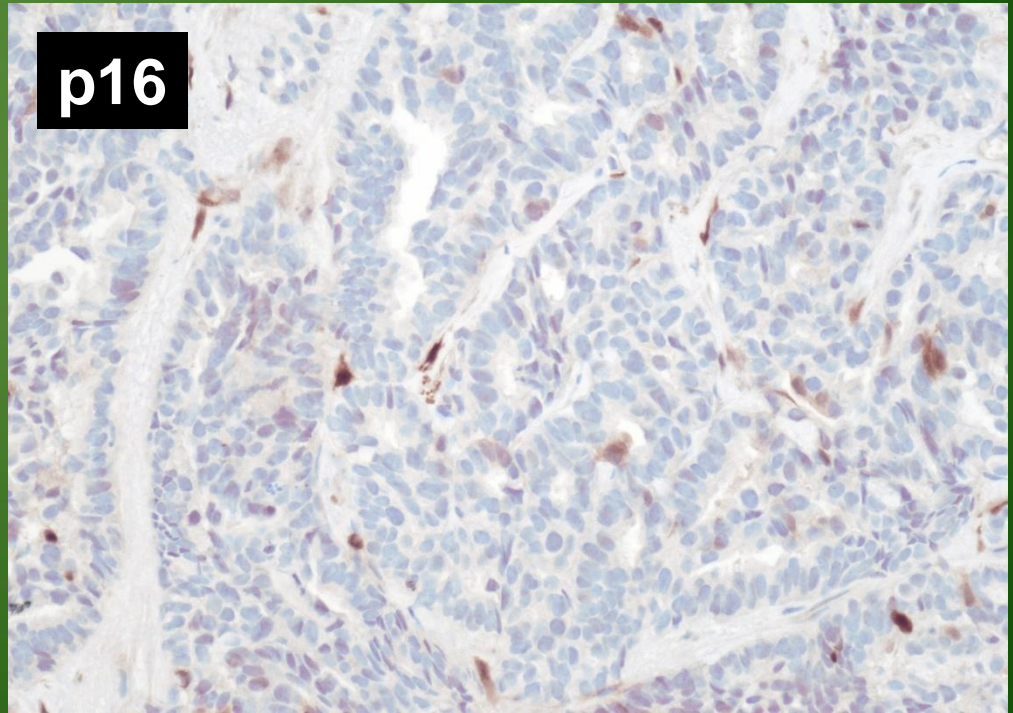
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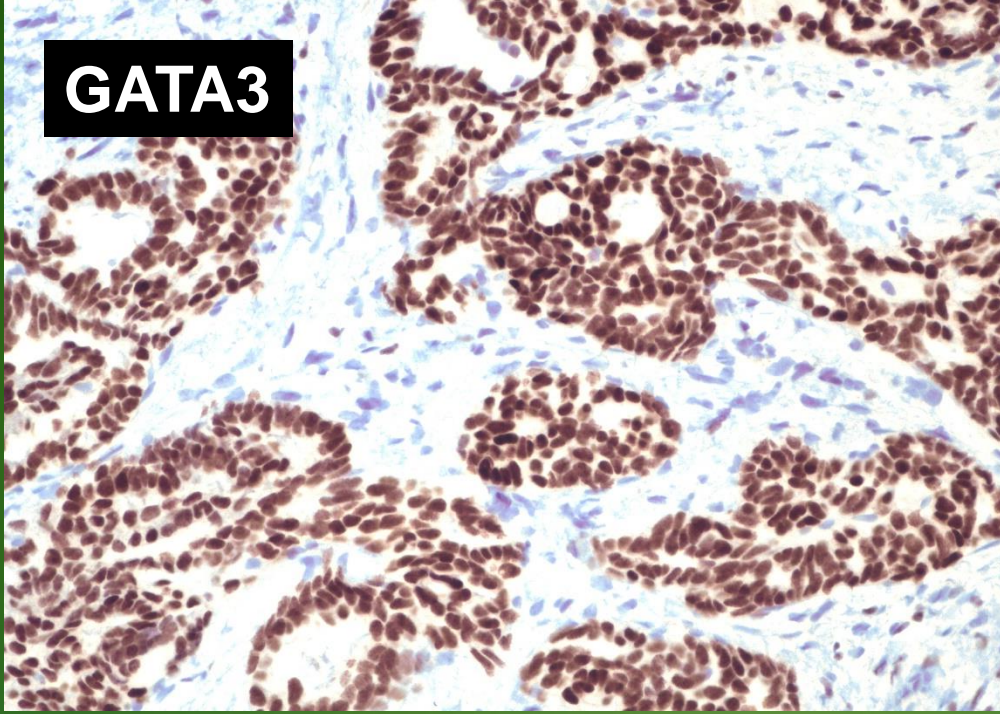


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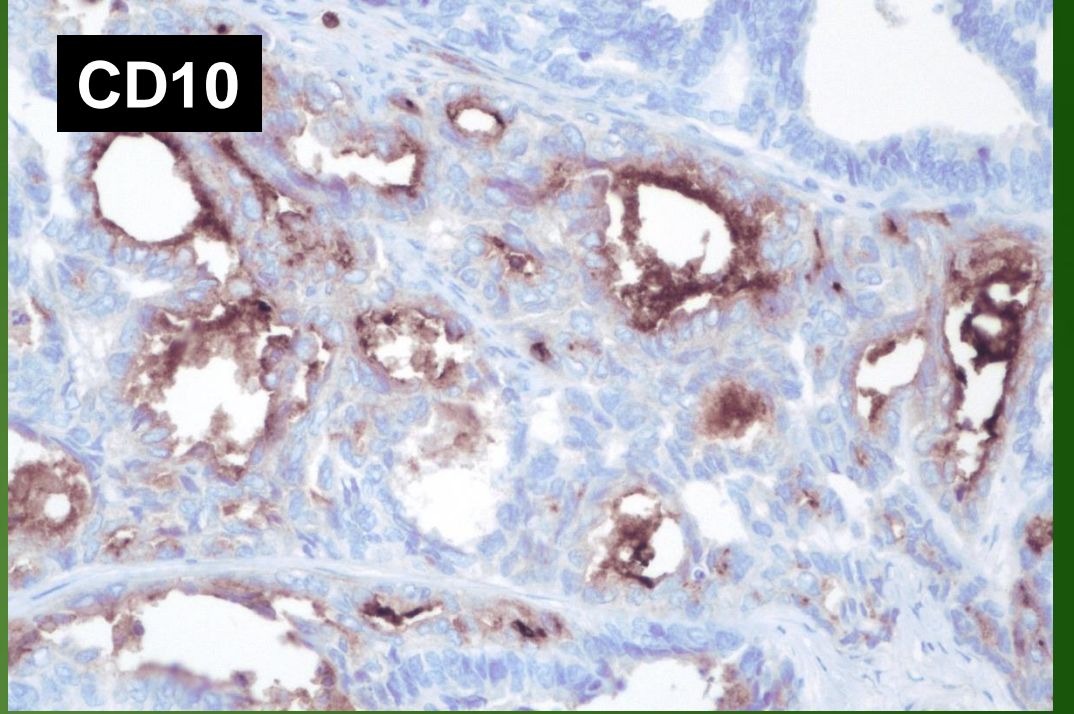




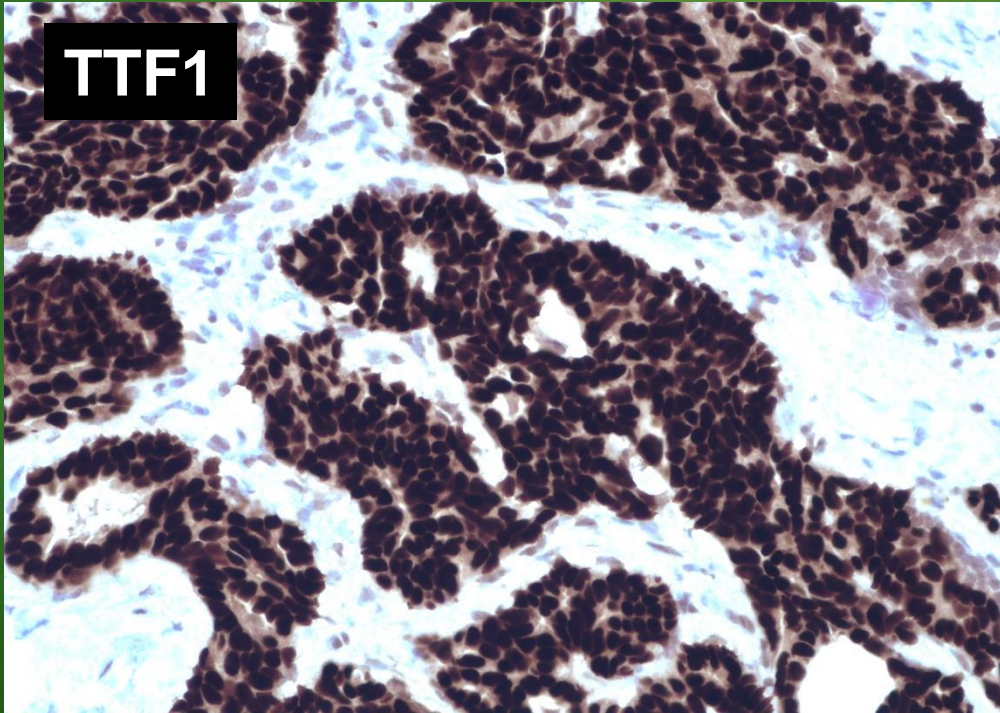
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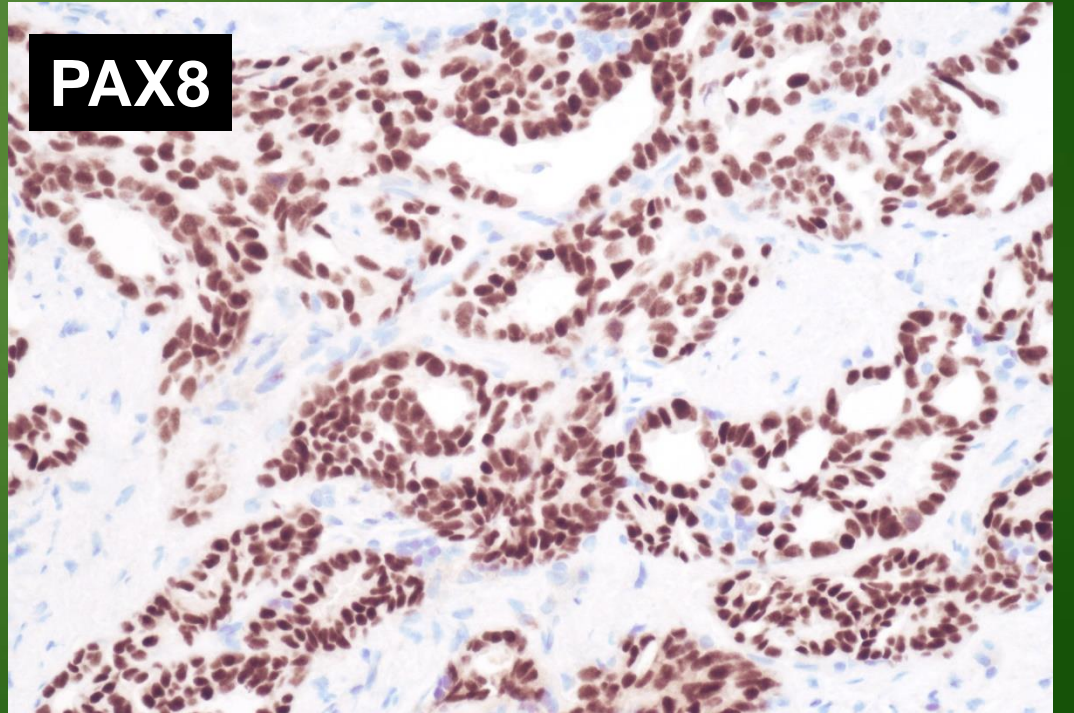
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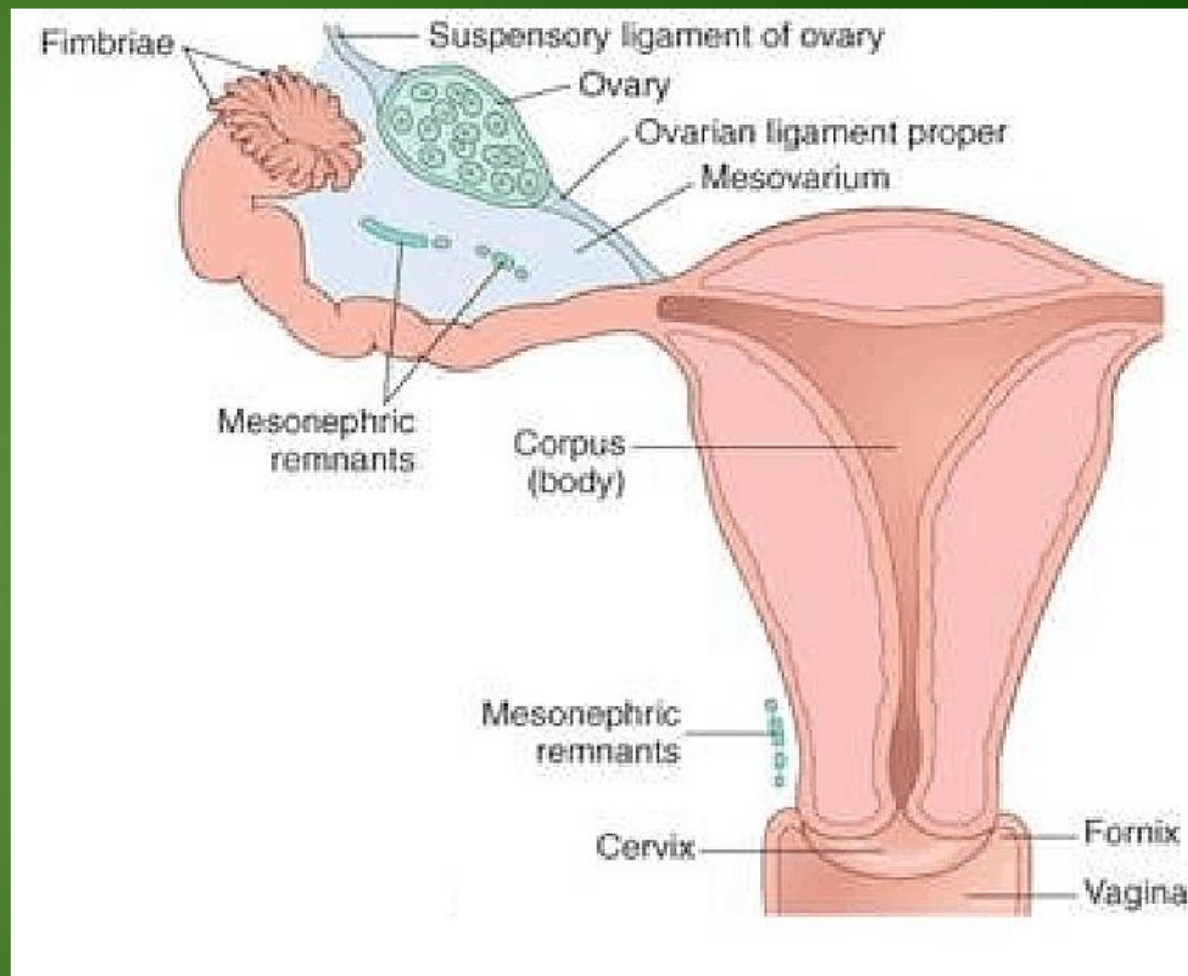




Mesonephric Carcinoma

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- ▶ Tumors developed from mesonephric remnants, mainly in the cervix, and are called **Mesonephric carcinomas**.
- ▶ Tumors with similar pathological features that developed in the endometrium and ovaries, were termed '**Mesonephric-like carcinoma**'.



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Mesonephric-like Carcinoma: Pathogenesis

- ▶ Mesonephric-like carcinomas (endometrium and ovaries) share similar **morphologic and immunohistochemical profile** with cervical mesonephric carcinomas. But the genomic profiles are not identical.
- ▶ Lack of associated mesonephric remnants or mesonephric hyperplasia.
- ▶ Mullerian origin, with transdifferentiation.

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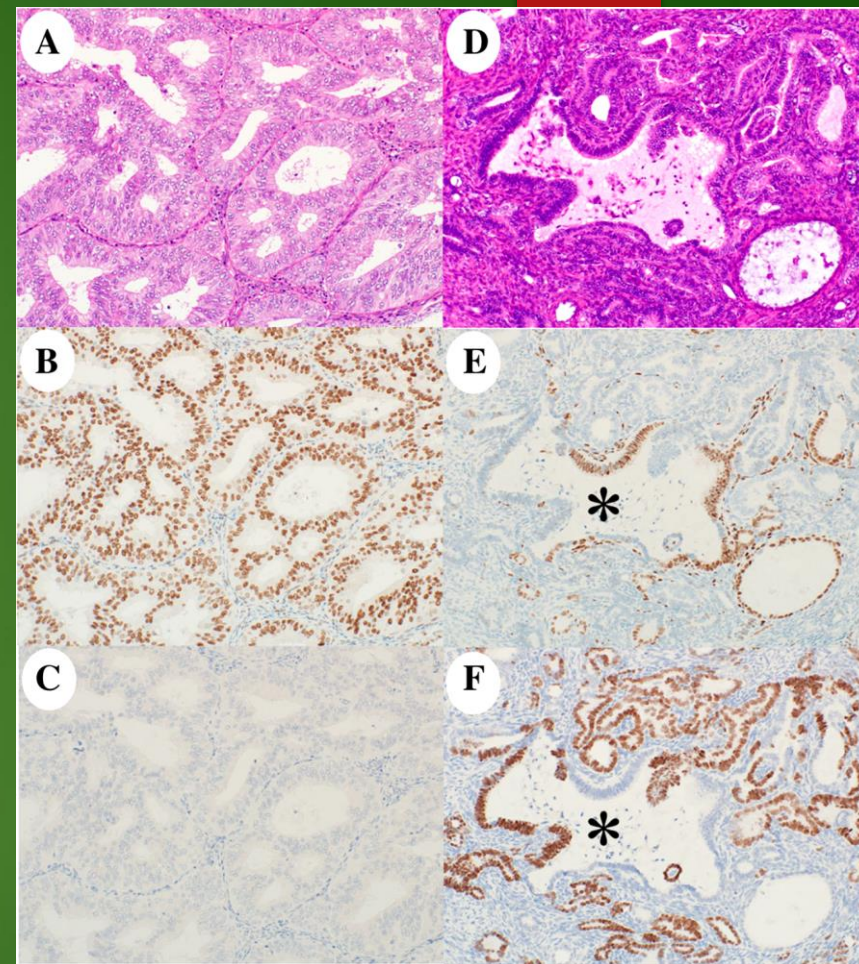
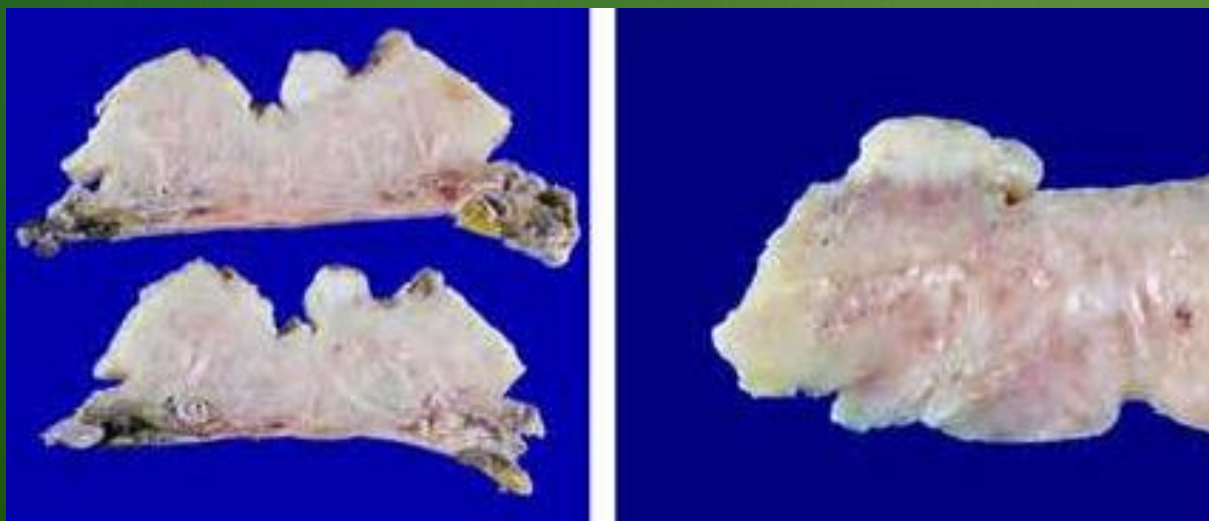
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- ▶ A Mullerian origin is supported by identical genetic alterations in both components:
- ▶ In the ovaries:
 - **Serous borderline tumor-mesonephric-like Ca (n=2)**
 - **Low-grade serous carcinoma-mesonephric-like Ca (n=1)**
 - **Mucinous borderline tumors-mesonephric-like Ca (n=2)**
 - **Serous borderline/low-grade serous carcinoma-mesonephric-like Ca (n=3)**
 - Others, coexisting endometriosis, or adenofibroma.



Mesonephric-like Carcinoma: Pathogenesis

- ▶ In uterine corpus a Mullerian origin is also supported by:
 - Anatomically, in the **endometrium**, not myometrium.
 - Components of classical endometrioid carcinoma, atypical hyperplasia, carcinosarcoma.



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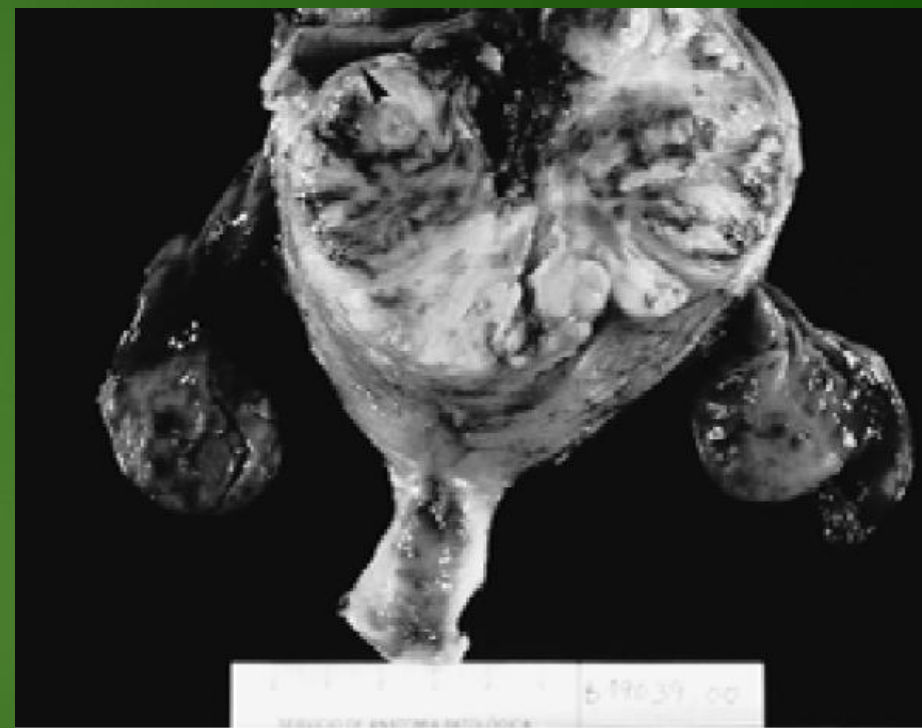
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Mesonephric-like Carcinoma of Endometrium: Clinical and Pathological Features

- ▶ TRUE mesonephric carcinoma is supported by an exclusive myometrial location without endometrial involvement.
- ▶ To-date, 118 cases reported.
- ▶ Rare (<1%, 4/570) of all endometrial carcinomas (Kolin et al. from BWH, Boston).
- ▶ **Vaginal bleeding**
- ▶ Median age of patients = **61** years
- ▶ Mean size of tumors = **5.1** cm

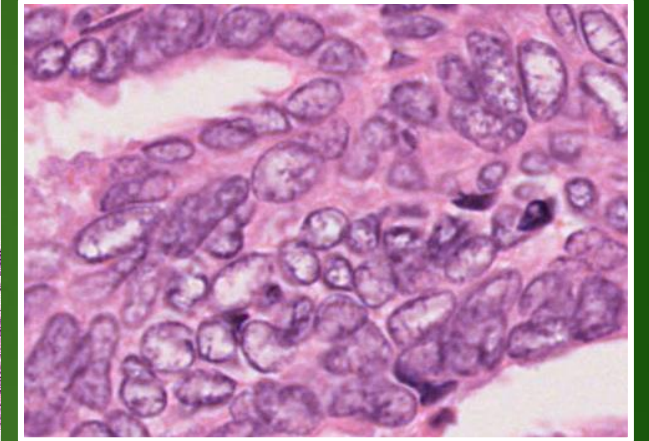
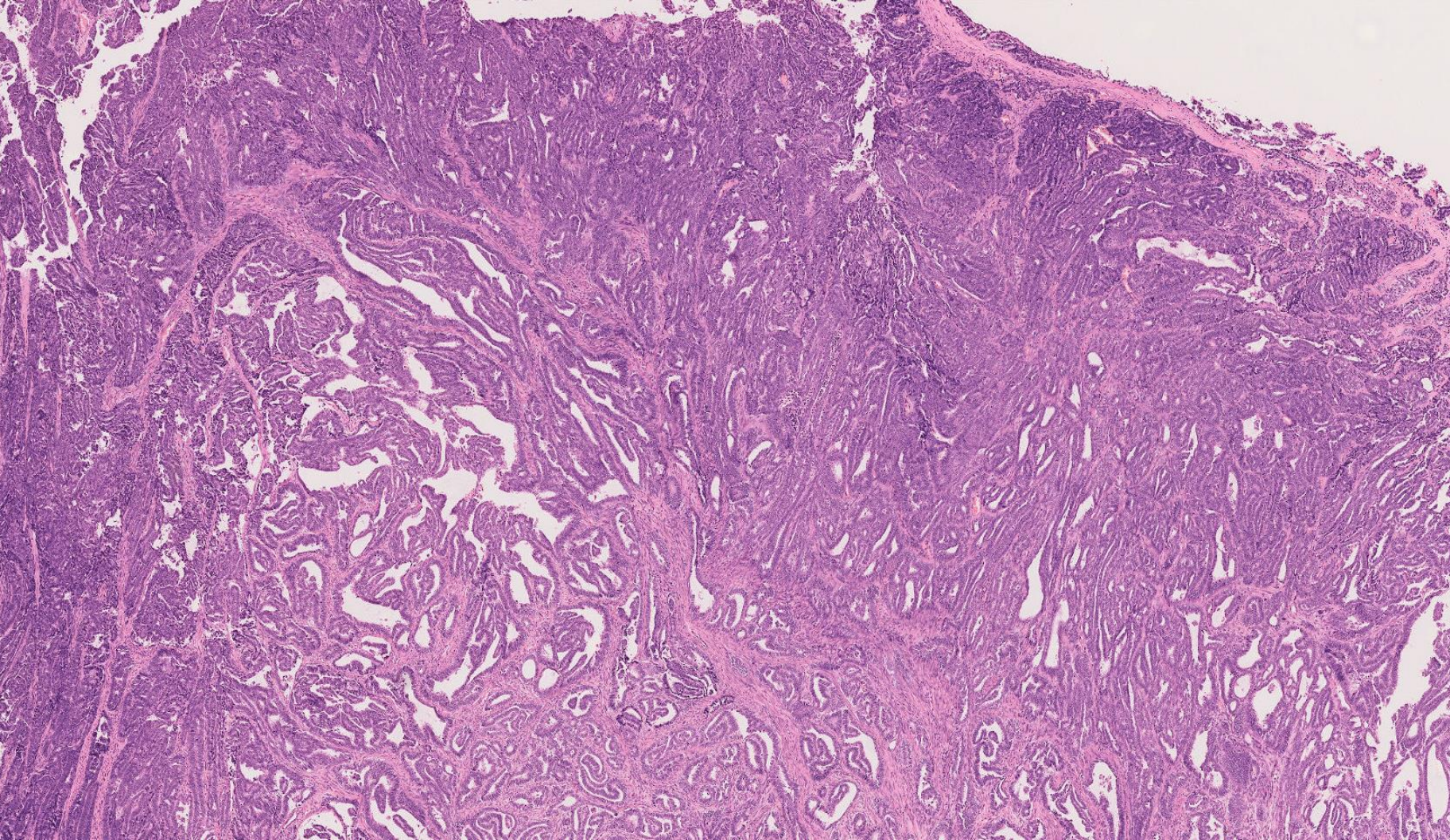


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Mesonephric-like Carcinoma of Endometrium: Architecture

- ▶ Ductal (glandular, villoglandular)

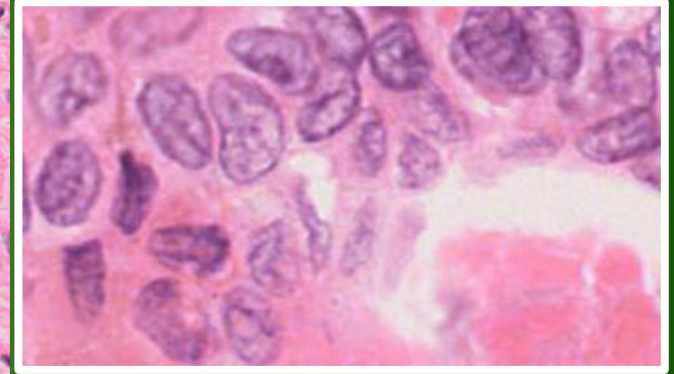
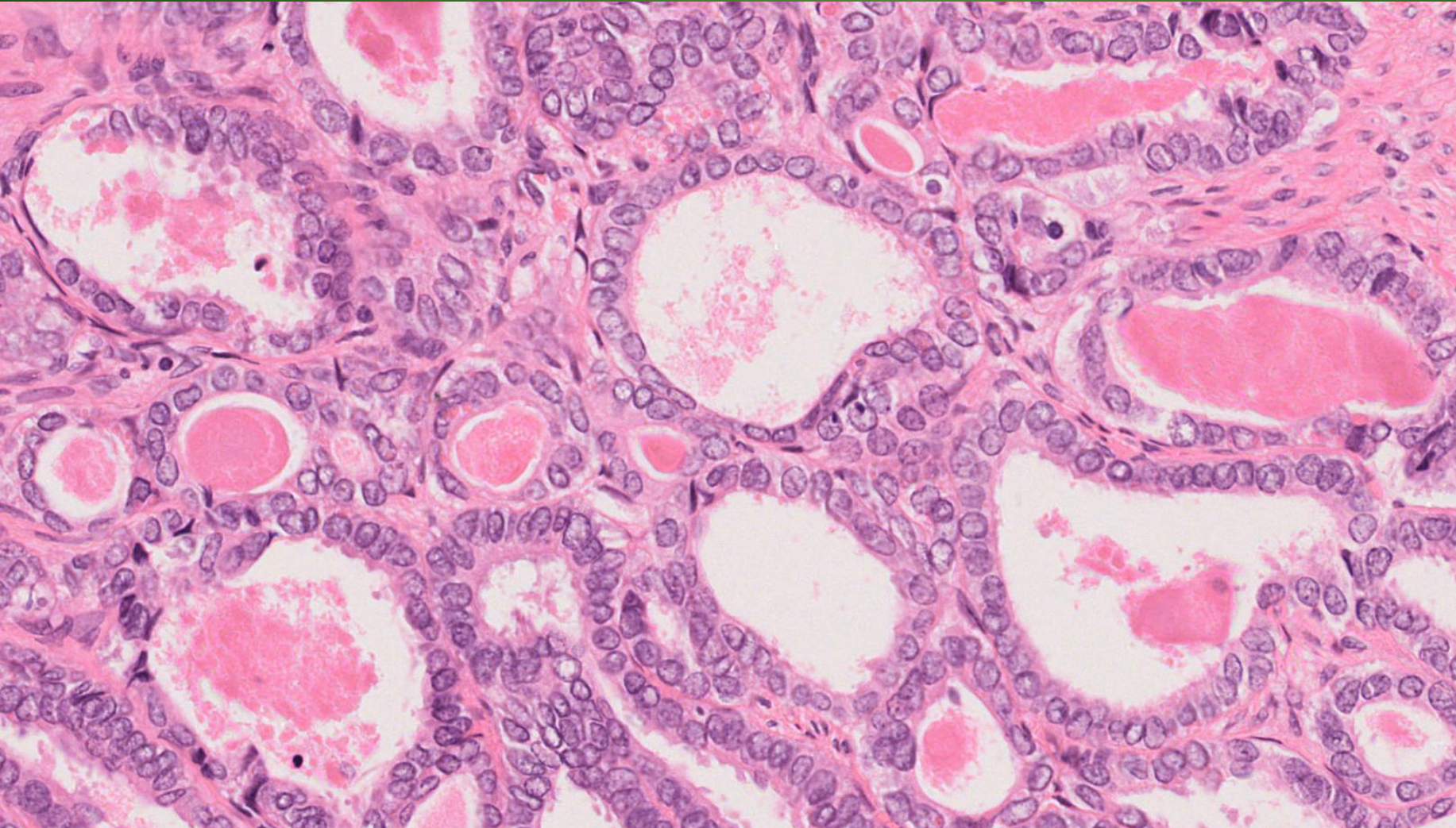


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- ▶ Small tubular (eosinophilic colloid-like secretion)

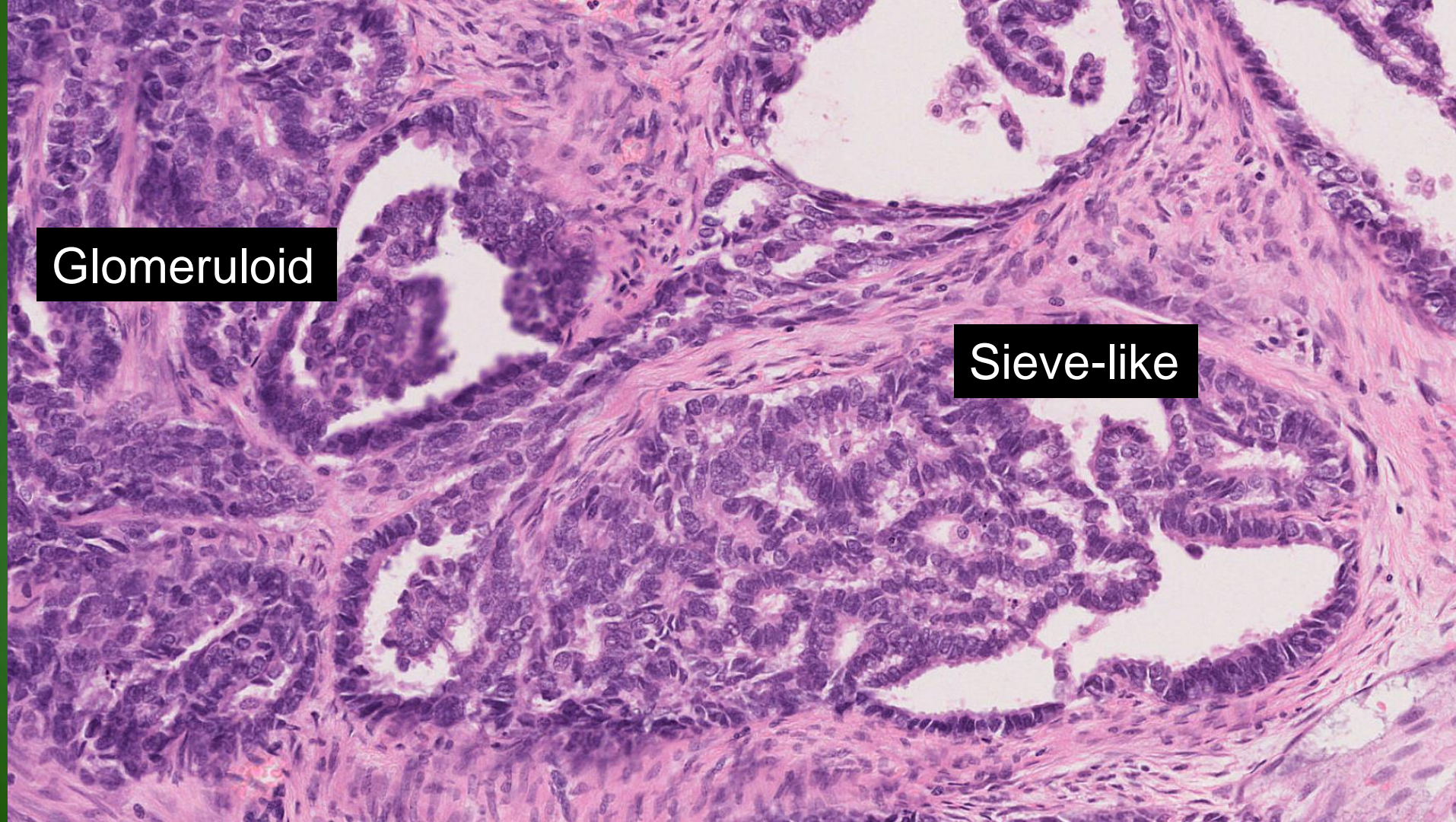


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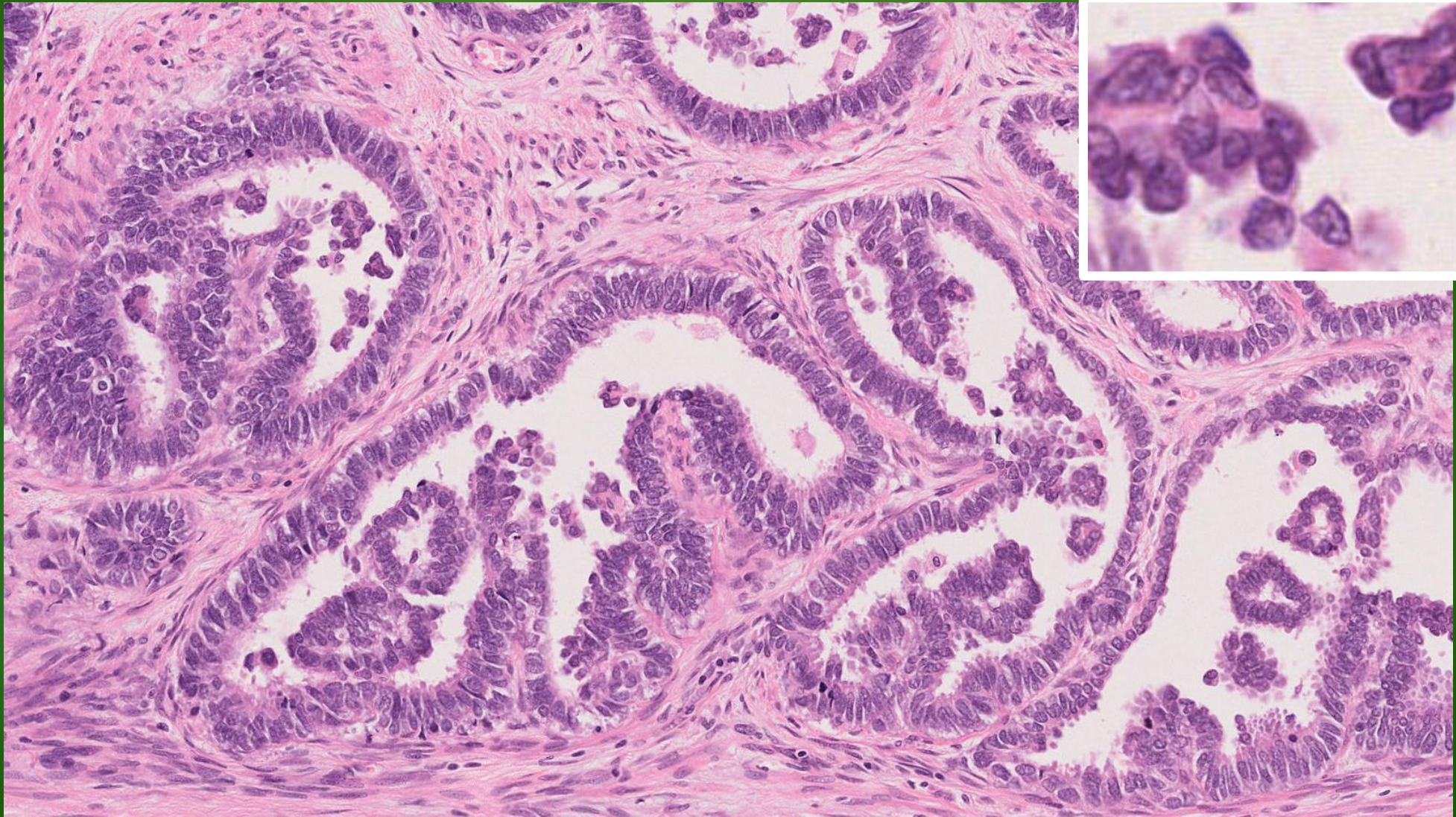
- ▶ Sieve-like, Glomeruloid





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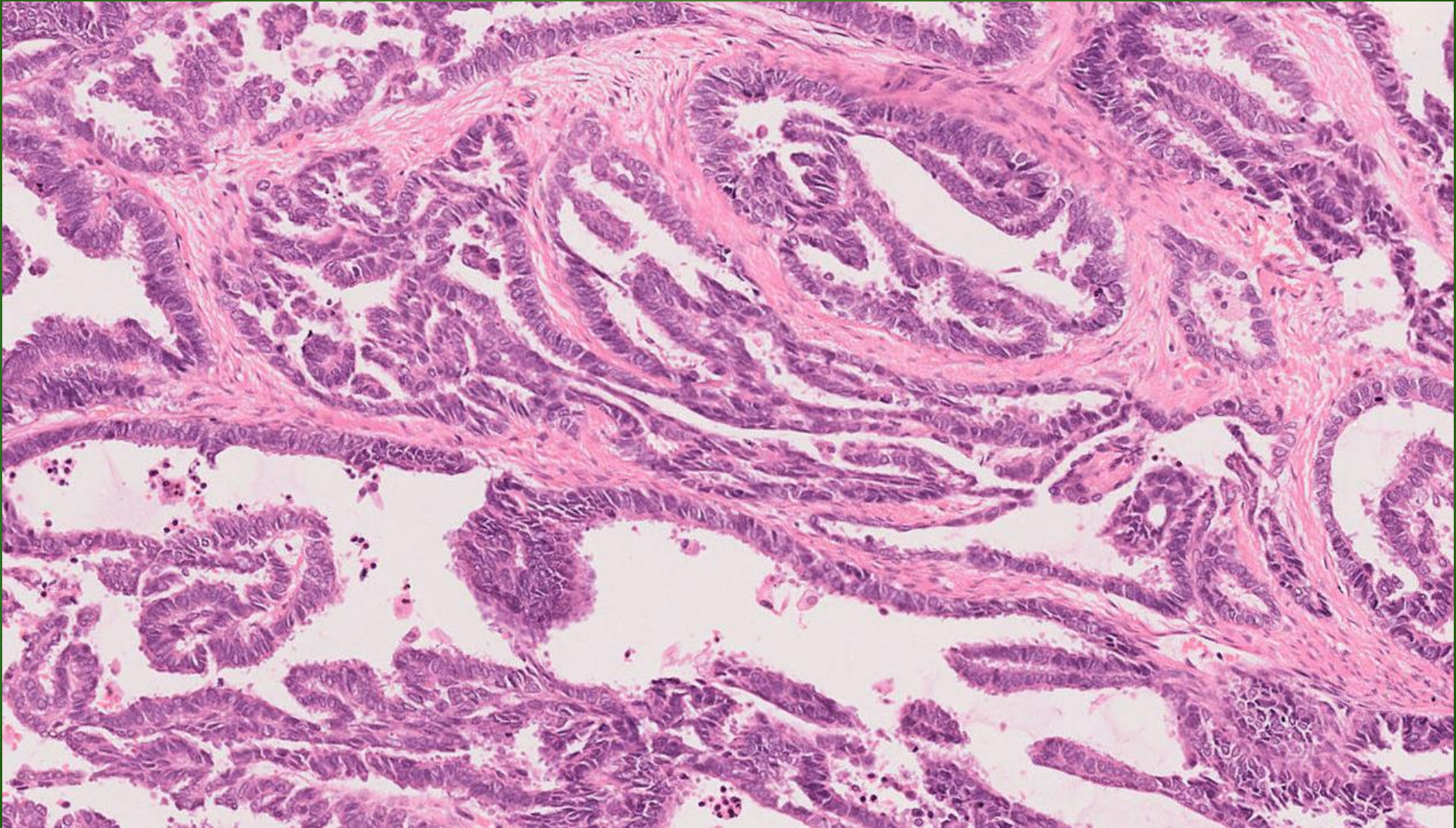
► Micropapillary





Mesonephric-like Carcinoma of Endometrium: Architecture

▶ Retiform





Targeted Genomic Profiling Reveals Recurrent *KRAS* Mutations in Mesonephric-like Adenocarcinomas of the Female Genital Tract

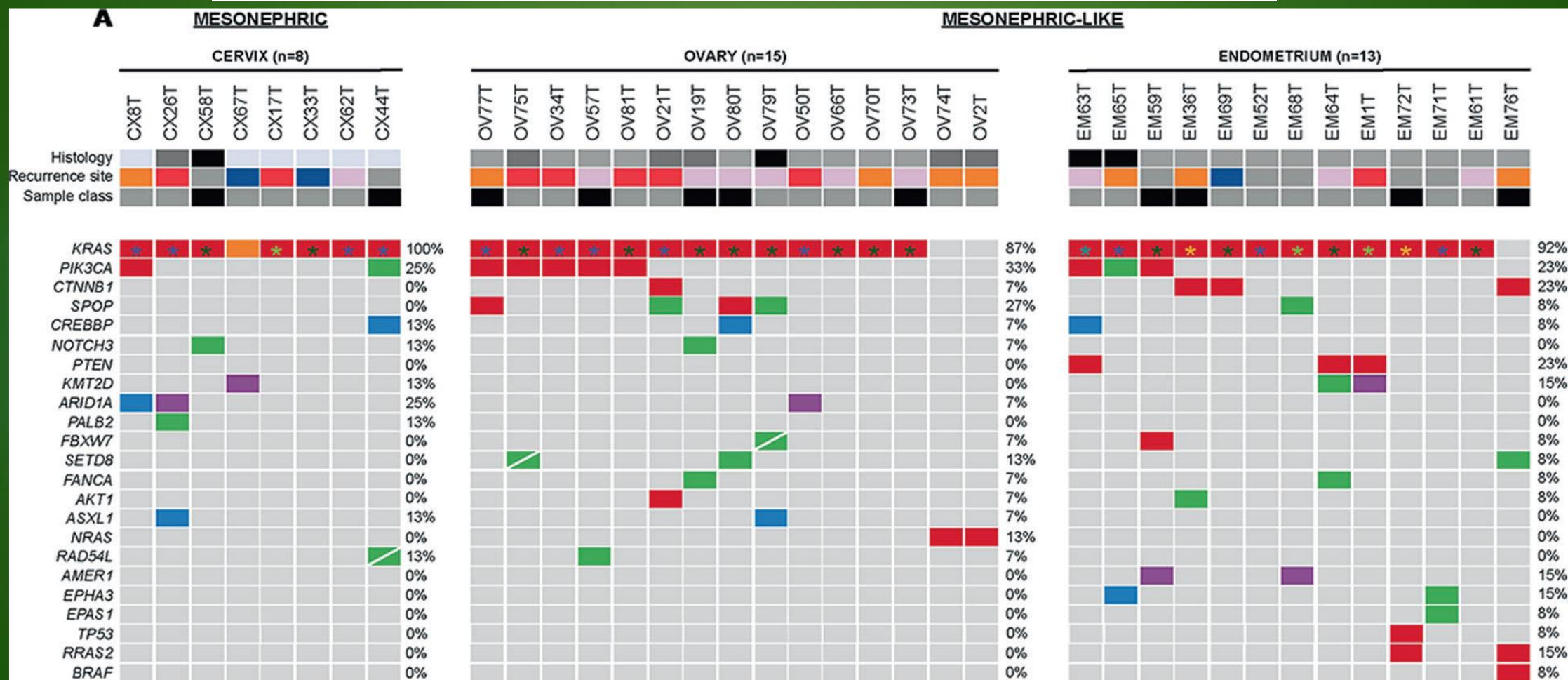
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| | | Ovarian tumors | | | | Uterine tumors | | |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------|---------|----------------|--------|--------|
| | | #1 | #2 | #3 | #4 | #5 | #6 | #7 |
| Common SNVs | <i>KRAS</i> | p.G12D | p.G12D | p.G12D | p.G12D | p.G12V | p.G12V | p.G12V |
| | <i>PIK3CA</i> | | p.F909L p.R88Q p.M1004I | | p.N345I | p.E542K | | |
| Common CNVs | 1 q gain | | | | | | | |
| | 1 p loss | | | | | | | |
| | Ch10 gain | | | | | | | |
| | Chr12 gain | | | | | | | |



Mesonephric and mesonephric-like carcinomas of the female genital tract: molecular characterization including cases with mixed histology and matched metastases

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Mesonephric-like Carcinoma of Endometrium: NSMP Profile

- ▶ ***KRAS*** hotspot mutations, or *NRAS/BRAF* (mutually exclusive).
- ▶ *AMER1*, *EPHA3*, and *RRAS2* alterations (endometrial mesonephric-like Ca) .
- ▶ *PTEN*, *CTNNB1*, *PIK3CA*, *SPOP*, *FBXW7*, and *FANCA* alterations (Mullerian).
- ▶ CNA: Gains involved chromosome 1q, 10p, 12, and 20 (Chr 10 gains associated with metastasis in 2 studies).

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Clinicopathologic and Molecular Characteristics of Mesonephric Adenocarcinoma Arising From the Uterine Body

Kiyong Na, MD, PhD and Hyun-Soo Kim, MD, PhD

- ▶ Single institutional study (n=11).
- ▶ Clinicopathologic and molecular analysis.
- ▶ 6/11 (54.5%) developed metastasis (5 to lungs).
- ▶ On multivariate analysis, prognostic factors predicted metastasis: FIGO stage III/IV, mitotic count >10/10 HPFs, lymphovascular space invasion.
- ▶ Median PFS 7 months (range 4 - 10).



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- ▶ Single institutional study (n=23).
- ▶ Clinicopathologic and molecular analysis.
- ▶ 48% at FIGO stage III/IV.
- ▶ On multivariate analysis, prognostic factors associated with poor survival were mesonephric histology, age, and stage, lymphovascular space invasion.
- ▶ Grading was not applicable (most tumors were grade 2).



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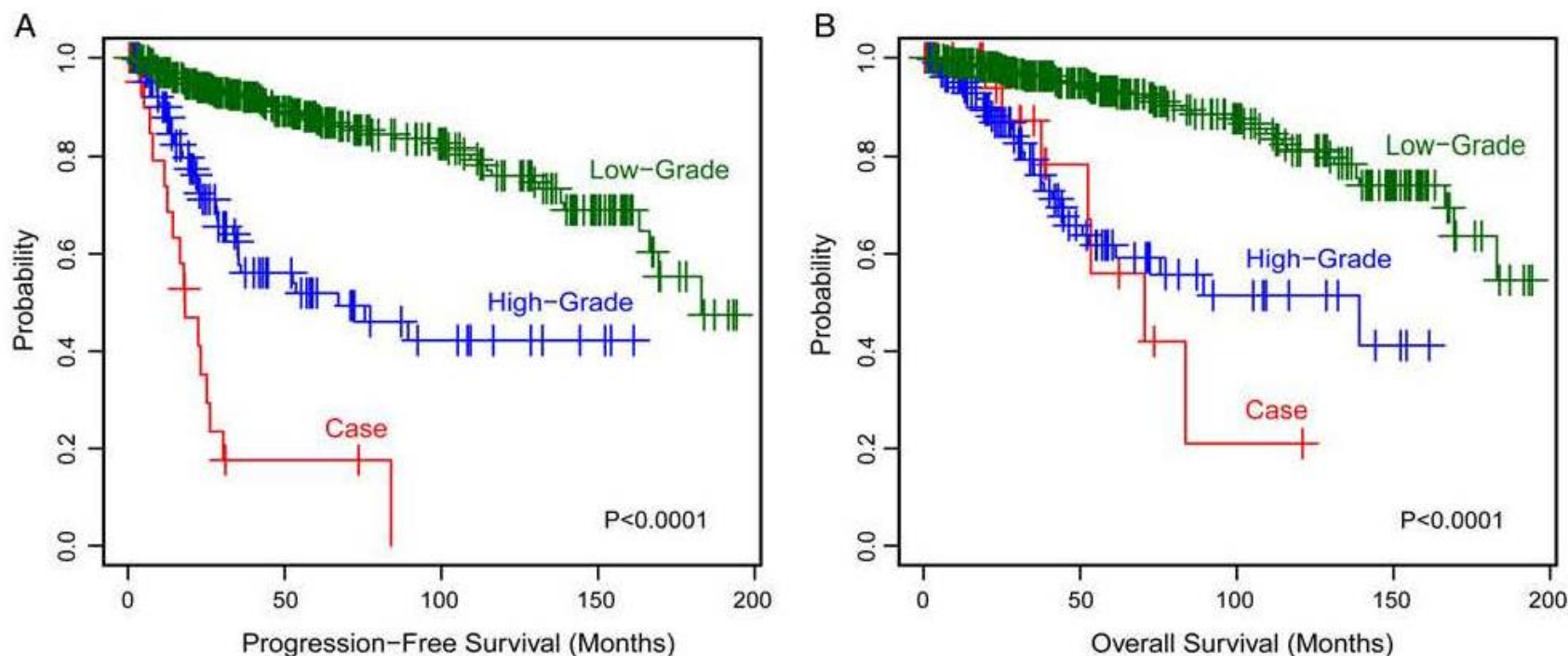


FIGURE 5. Kaplan-Meier plots of progression-free survival (A) and overall survival (B) by the group.

Median PFS (months) = ~18 MLCa, ~67 high-grade Ca (serous), 183 low-grade Ca

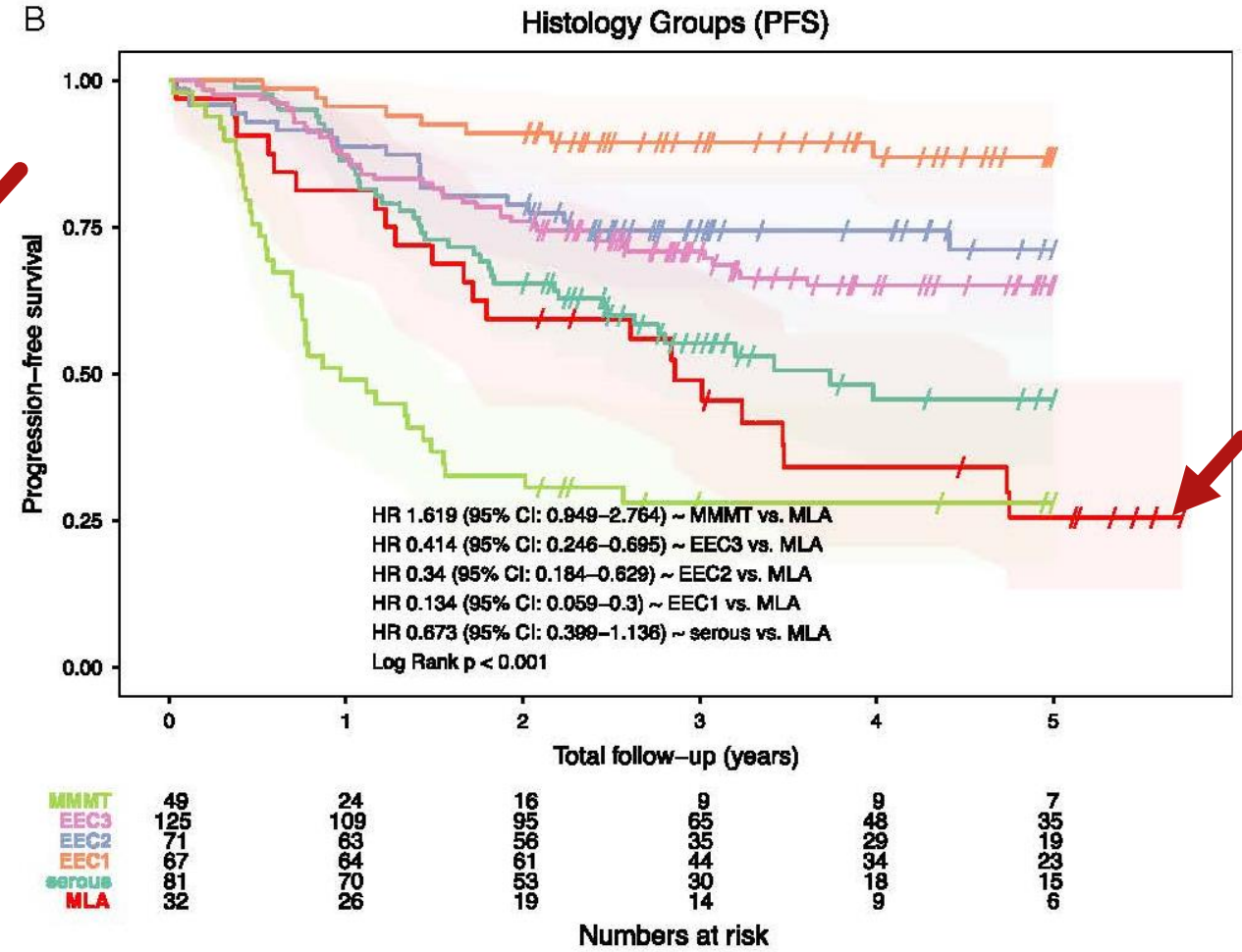
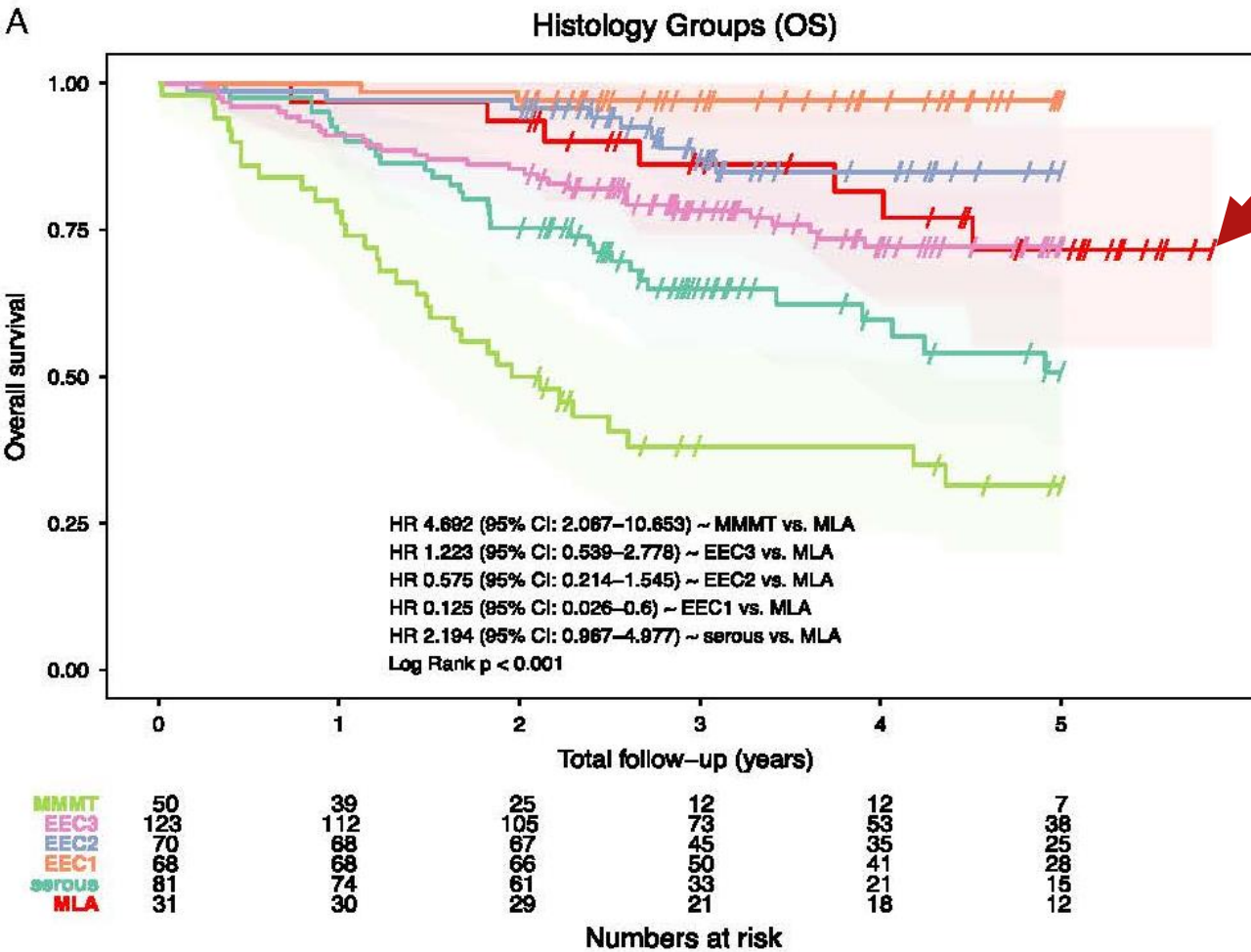


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- ▶ Multi-institutional study.
- ▶ Endometrial (n=44), ovarian (n=25) mesonephric-like carcinomas, and cervical (n=30) mesonephric carcinomas.
- ▶ Tumors with ≥ 2 years follow-up were compared with endometrial Ca from TCGA database.





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| | FIGO Stage II-IV | Recurrence rate | Distant metastasis | 5 year disease-specific survival |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Mesonephric-like (endometrial) | 58% | 59% | 92% | 72% |
| Mesonephric-like (ovarian) | 39% | 42% | 56% | 71% |
| Mesonephric (cervical) | 60% | 50% | 75% | 74% |

- Mesonephric neoplasms are clinically aggressive, present at advanced stage, and have predilection for lung metastasis.
- WHO 2020: 'other carcinomas'.



Learning Outcome: Endometrial Cancer Reporting beyond 2020 WHO Classification

- ▶ Standardize histopathology reporting for endometrial cancers using by ICCR checklist.
- ▶ Aware of tumors that are obviously high-grade but have an indolent behavior (*POLE^{mut}*), and others that have a deceptively low-grade histology but are aggressive (NSMP, mesonephric-like).
- ▶ Recognize the benefits of adopting a molecular classification for endometrial cancers (for both high-grade and low-grade tumors).
- ▶ Acknowledge that there is life beyond the four TCGA molecular subgroups (focus on NSMP).



THANK YOU!

